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Corporal taken POW

Israel force retreats, but fighting continues

BEIRUT, July 22 (Agencies) — Israel launched land and air attacks in two areas of south Lebanon early Wednesday. Palestinian commandos reported. The Palestine news agency Wafa said a battle was raging between commandos and Israeli tanks near Khardali Bridge close to Beaufort Castle.

At the same time, helicopter-borne Israeli commandos had landed at Zahrani, on the Mediterranean coast, and Israeli gunboats were shelling the area in support, Wafa reported.

The agency said a battalion-strong Israeli ground force backed by 25 tanks and armored vehicles had advanced from the south on Khardali Bridge. Commandos and their allies in the Nationalist Lebanese Arab Army rocketed the advancing force and destroyed two tanks and an armored vehicle, it reported. According to Wafa, the Israelis pulled back and late began shelling the steep road behind the bridge.

Khardali Bridge lies at the north of the south Lebanon enclave controlled by the Israeli-backed Christian militia of renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad. It links the enclave with the Palestinian-held Nabatiyah plateau.

Fighting was also continuing at Zahrani, site of an oil refinery, where Israeli helicopters flew in under cover of an artillery barrage from the sea, Wafa said. It appeared to be the biggest Israeli ground operation in south Lebanon since last August when 500 troops of the Elite Golani Brigade sealed the Nabatiyah heights to attack commando positions close to Beaufort Castle.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict flared up again 12 days ago. The fighting died away briefly Tuesday until Israeli jets made new raids, flouting ceasefire calls from the United States and the United Nations. Earlier, Wafa reported that the commandos had taken their first Israeli prisoner of war. It said he was a corporal but did not identify him or say where and when he was captured.

Wafa said Israeli artillery positioned in southern Lebanon had also shelled a Palestinian refugee camp near the coastal city of Tyre early Wednesday. A Palestinian military communiqué said a commando force had raided a Lebanese rightist militia emplacement at Rasaf late Tuesday night, killing or wounding everyone in it. The unit, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns, returned safely to base, the statement said.

Sources close to PLO chairman said Arafat was ready for a ceasefire if the Israelis called off their attacks. "They started it, so they should stop first," they told Reuters.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said he would not negotiate with the PLO. More than 400 persons have died in this month's fighting, most of them victims of an Israeli air raid on a densely-populated Palestinian district of Beirut. Four days after the raid, decomposing bodies were still being pulled out of the rubble.

Many Beirut shops shut Wednesday morning and a noisy motorcade drove through the capital Tuesday urging the Lebanese government to install proper defenses against Israeli aerial attack. Palestinian sources said Tuesday night a PLO delegation visiting Damascus had asked Syria to deploy SAM-6 ground-to-air missiles around Beirut. "They are considering the request," the sources added.

Begin, visiting towns in the northern Galilee war zone, Wednesday renewed his electoral campaign promise that the day would come when Palestinian rockets would no longer menace the region. At Metulla, Begin met for 15 minutes with Maj. Saad Haddad. Israeli General Staff Chief Raphael Eytan, who accompanied Begin, said that "if this situation continues, we have the means to end it."

Earlier, speaking to Habib at Tel Aviv before he flew to Beirut, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori said that his army would "deal with the problem" of Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon if the Lebanese authorities failed to do so.

The Israeli military command meanwhile reported that the Palestinians had resumed heavy shelling of Israeli border towns and villages Wednesday, while Israeli gunboats

shelled Palestinian positions between the Lebanese ports of Tyre and Sidon.

Five Israelis have been killed in Palestinian shelling over the past 12 days, and one army officer died during an Israeli attack Monday. Begin protested to Habib Tuesday night over President Ronald Reagan's decision not to lift a suspension on the delivery of 10 F-16 planes to Israel, government officials said. The prime minister said it was the first time a U.S. administration had broken an agreement and failed to meet a timetable for arms delivery. Israel has received 53 out of a total order of 75 F-16s so far.

The English language *Jerusalem Post* newspaper criticized Begin's government Wednesday for its strategy in the conflict, saying that indiscriminate attacks on the Palestinians had led to political gains for the PLO.

U.N. sets deadline for ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS, July 22 (Agencies) — The U.N. Security Council called on Israel and the Palestinian commandos to agree to a ceasefire in Lebanon within the 48 hours, U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick voiced confidence that American diplomatic efforts could bring about a truce within that time frame.

The 15-nation council voted unanimously for a Western-backed resolution that called for "an immediate cessation of all armed attacks" across the Israeli-Lebanese frontier, but asked U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to report back to the council on implementation of the cease-fire "as soon as possible" and not later than 48 hours from adoption. "While followup council action was left open, Arab delegates who took part in Tuesday's debate served notice that they would seek sanctions against Israel even in the face of a certain U.S. veto."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who did not address the council, told a reporter afterward that the United States considered the resolution "civilized" and that the 48-hour period would be used by U.S. special envoy Philip C. Habib to continue his mission aimed at defusing the latest crisis in Lebanon. "We think we can achieve a cease-fire within the 48 hours," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said.

Waldheim told the council that Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat already had agreed to abide by a cease-fire, "provided the other side also accepted."

Waldheim, who had sent a personal appeal to both sides, said efforts were continuing to "secure a similar commitment from the Israeli authorities." In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, the Israeli government authorized Habib to open contacts with the Lebanese government "with the aim of establishing peaceful relations between Israel and Lebanon." But the Israelis ruled out contacts with the PLO.

Ambassador Don Jaime de Pines of Spain, who introduced the resolution, told the 15-member council that it "does not in any way attempt to interfere with efforts we know are being made by other delegations on a wider scale." This was an obvious reference to the Habib mission. The mildly-worded resolution, which was co-sponsored by Spain, Ireland and Japan, mentioned neither Israel nor the PLO by name. It called for "an immediate cessation of all armed attacks" and reaffirmed the council's "commitments to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon, within its internationally-recognized boundaries."

Western council sources refused to speculate on what the peacekeeping body would do if their appeal was not heeded within the 48-hour time limit. But Arab delegates served notice that they would press for sanctions against the Zionist state.

In Ottawa President Francois Mitterrand of France said Tuesday night participants in the Western summit felt recent Israeli attacks on Beirut were out of proportion to the course of events in the Middle East. At a press conference, he said "a declaration issued by the conference of seven heads of state and government Monday night had reflected 'the reprehensible aspect which the destruction in the Lebanon represents for those attending this summit.'"

In Bonn the West German government expressed "concern" Wednesday over the rising tide of violence in the Middle East, singling out for criticism Israel's air raid on Beirut.

Spokesman Loobar Ruehl told reporters the Bonn government condemned all acts of violence by Israel, in particular the air raid on Beirut.

In Abu Dhabi, president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan al Nahyan, appealed Wednesday to the Arab nation, to use "all its resources" to oppose Israel in Lebanon.



MARGARET ON TIP TOES: In British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher dancing in gay abandon? No, she is coping with the backwash of the helicopter which transported her from Chateau Montebello to Ottawa Tuesday for the final round of the seven-nation summit talks.

Poles avert strikes

Hijacked plane returned

WARSAW, July 22 (Agencies) — Polish coast dockers said early Wednesday they had reached a compromise with the Polish government and cancelled plans for a Thursday strike at vital seaports.

The compromise came only hours after leaders of Solidarity union workers at the Polish national airline LOT agreed to suspend a strike threatened for Friday and it left Poland with at least temporary freedom from major labor disputes.

"I'm not satisfied, but we made big concessions," said Henry Tarasiewicz, a spokesman for the Solidarity-allied dockers. He said details could not immediately be disclosed because a communiqué was still being prepared. The compromise was reached after talks which lasted through most of Tuesday and into the night until after 3 a.m. Wednesday. The LOT decision came after all-day negotiations with the embattled government, seeking to avoid strikes as the nation's Communist Party appealed to all Poles to help save their homeland.

The dockers have been demanding a charter guaranteeing them improved wages and working conditions. The authorities had said the demands exceeded the rights of other occupational groups and could trigger a new wave of similar demands by other sectors of the labor force.

Polish news agency PAP later said a dockers' charter, backdated to March 15 this year, was initiated following nearly 15 hours of difficult talks. The agency quoted Maritime Minister Stanislaw Bejger, who headed the government negotiating team, as saying that both sides had displayed a desire to achieve a

French law on boycott reversed

PARIS, July 22 (R) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has issued an order effectively making it illegal for French firms to comply with the Arab economic boycott of Israel, the prime minister's office has said.

Most Arab states require trading partners to pledge they have no relations with Israeli firms and have drawn up a secret list of companies they say are helping Israel. Former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's government, by excluding the boycott from a domestic law banning no economic discrimination on racial, religious or ethnic grounds, had allowed French firms to comply with Arab legislation.

The new government under President Francois Mitterrand came into office with a policy of support for Israel. Informed sources said there was no immediate indication how many firms would be affected by Mauroy's decision and in what way.

The sources said the boycott was not enforced in the same way in each Arab state and that several French firms maintained trade in parts of the Arab world despite being blacklisted by the central Arab Boycott Office.

compromise in the final phase of the talks.

The dockers issued a statement saying they had called off their planned strike because of their "deep concern over the fate of the homeland and the country's dire economic situation," PAP said. The two sides had reached agreement on such disputed points as sick leave, long service allowances and special privileges in certain jobs.

The Solidarity spokesman at the Polish airline said the union suspended its strike threat after receiving a letter from Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski which it viewed as a sign that negotiation would continue. The union spokesman noted that Solidarity at the airline had not won its main demand, that the government approve a director chosen by the workers in an election in June. He said this will be the subject of further talks.

The strike negotiations came after an emergency congress of the ruling Communist Party had closed with a call for labor peace. Jaruzelski's letter to the airline union said: "I consider fully justified the introduction of financial-economic self-dependence of the enterprise in line with economic reform of the country. A separate law should define other problems concerning the organization and activity of Polish LOT airlines."

Meanwhile, a Polish airliner which has forced to fly to West Berlin Tuesday returned to Poland early Wednesday following the surrender of its hijacker, a 21-year-old Pole who wanted to escape being drafted into the army.

In Moscow, Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev sent a telegram Tuesday to Polish Communist leaders expressing confidence in the ability of their party to lead Poland out of its economic and political crisis. The telegram also signed by Premier Nikolai A. Tikonov, said the Polish party "is undoubtedly capable of rallying all the working people and, of stirring them to a resolute rebuff to anarchy and counter-revolution, to persistent constructive work in the name of the benefit of the socialist motherland."

The telegram, sent to mark the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Polish People's Republic Wednesday, closed with a reminder that Poland "can firmly count on support from the Soviet Union and other countries of the socialist community." The telegram was the first statement on Polish events by Brezhnev since the history-making extraordinary congress of the Polish Communist party closed Monday. The text was released as the Polish government opened new talks aimed at averting major strikes by airline and dock workers.

In a message to the Polish prime minister, Soviet Defense Minister Dmitry Ustinov told the Polish government Wednesday that Soviet troops were confident Polish workers and the armed forces would give "the necessary rebuff" to counterrevolutionary forces.

Statistics for the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) showed in Basle that Poland owed international banks \$16.2 billion at the end of 1980, of which \$5.35 billion was due to be repaid by the end of this year. The BIS semi-annual report on international bank lending said the figures were based on returns from banks in the 10 leading industrial countries, plus Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Ireland, and of their offshore affiliates.

Banks stem dollar's rise

'Big Seven' pledge to fight recession

OTTAWA, July 22 (Agencies) — Leaders of the non-Communist world's seven major nations ended summit talks Tuesday pledging united efforts to beat world recession and meet Soviet challenges.

In statements before the media marking the end of annual exchanges between the seven countries, all the heads of government acknowledged their interdependence by recognizing, as a joint declaration put it, the "need to take into account the effects on others of policies we pursue." This was the outcome of complaints to President Ronald Reagan that record-level U.S. interest rates above 20 percent are damaging the economies of his European, Canadian and Japanese partners.

All voiced satisfaction at their agreement to abide by liberal trade policies and to resist a drift into the sort of protectionism that deepened the great depression of the 1930s.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada, who presided over the two-day talks, bailed the decision of all the leaders to join preparations for global negotiations designed to establish a new economic order for the "have" and "have-not" nations of the world.

He described it as a signal to Third World countries that the industrial democracies "respect your independence and genuine non-alignment, look to you to play a full part in the international economic system, intend diverting a proportion of our aid to the poorest countries."

In their final declaration, the conferences succeeded in identifying the problems deterring their economies without offering precise solutions.

"We have met at a time of rapid change and great challenge to world economic progress and peace," their declaration said. "We are confident in our joint determination and ability to tackle our problems in a spirit of shared responsibility both among ourselves and with our partners throughout the world."

Perceptions of the leaders on the Soviet challenge were embodied in a statement released by Trudeau late Monday. It expressed

concern over Moscow's military buildup and international conduct. The heads of government then said they are prepared to negotiate with the Russians but from a position of comparable military strength. "We are prepared for dialogue and cooperation to the extent that the Soviet Union makes this possible," they said. "We will be firm in insisting on a balance of military capabilities and on political restraint."

Reagan stressed the difficulties facing the participants. "Inflation rates are running at incredible levels," he observed. "Unemployment disrupts the lives of millions and new fears of protectionism are sweeping across our continents."

French President Francois Mitterrand underlined that very point: "We have to cooperate, to restrict erratic exchange rates in our currencies and to avoid as much as possible high interest rates. This is not a French problem. It is a European problem. In fact this is a worldwide problem."

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany spoke of the damage Europeans would suffer from any prolongation of high interest rates coming after the second oil price shock. "We welcome the fact that the U.S. has expressed the intention to do their very best to bring down these high interest rates," he said. But because he could not see if Reagan's anti-inflation fight would succeed his government would have to take certain undefined defensive actions.

Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher saw justification for her own controversial economic strategy in the talks: "We all agreed on the need to fight inflation as the precondition for defeating unemployment, on the need for low monetary growth, for containing public borrowing and for tight control of government expenditure."

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Ottawa's message to the world was a demonstration that Western political, economic and social institutions are superior to those in the East. "But he was silent about the calls on

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Kingdom to attend Tunis emergency conference

TAIF, July 22 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has agreed to attend the emergency meeting of the Arab Joint Defense Council which will open in Tunis Thursday, an official spokesman said here Tuesday.

The Secretary General of the Arab League Chedi Jilbi had called for the meeting at the request of the Palestine Liberation Organization which is facing a relentless Israeli attack to wipe it out from Lebanon. Other Arab countries have also agreed to attend, including Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain and Iraq.

Arab solidarity with Lebanon, which has been continuously attacked by Israel, and the PLO will figure prominently in the discussions.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, had called for the meeting as a matter of urgency and said that he wanted the Arab League's

UAE raises dole payments; new categories included

ABU DHABI, July 22 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Tuesday ratified the amended security law which will now be effective from the date it is published in the official gazette.

The highlight of the law includes an increase in the social aid-dole — from DH. 1,875 to DH. 4,640 and the number of members of the eligible family from 10 to 16. The new law also covers families of prisoners, deserted and divorced women and married students seeking higher education under the social benefit scheme.

Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Saif Al-Jarwan said the law takes into consideration the increase in the standard of living in the country and offers security to citizens hitherto not covered by the law. These groups include farmers, fishermen and traditional artisans-nationals whose incomes are less than that of families who already benefit by the law.

He added that these groups will receive aid

on condition that they do not desert their traditional professions and work area.

Under the new law the head of the family eligible for social security assistance will receive a monthly allowance of DH. 800, an increase of DH. 430 over the previous amount of DH. 370. The second senior member of the family will receive DH. 480 instead of the earlier amount of DH. 300. From the third to the sixteenth members, each will now receive DH. 280 instead of DH. 150.

The law also provides for rendering assistance to those who are able to work but have no opportunity to find gainful employment. In this category are included also the physically handicapped and the elderly. Another special feature of the new law ensuring emergency assistance for general and personal catastrophes.

Jarwan stated that the law is provided with adequate safeguards to check negative claims.

Saud will tour Latin American states, Mexico

JEDDAH, July 22 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal will begin a tour of several Latin American countries and the United States next Wednesday.

He will first go to New York where he will meet with delegations from developing countries who are to attend the forthcoming international conference on economy and trade.

The conference will be held in Mexico in the first week of August. Prince Saud's talks with the delegations will deal with consultations and coordination.

He will then proceed to Mexico for the conference. On Aug. 5, he will begin official visits to Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil in response to invitations extended by their foreign ministers. Prince Saud will be accompanied by a high level delegation from the foreign ministry.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

A few weeks ago, a little girl Ayesha underwent the first heart surgery ever performed at the General Hospital in Jeddah. Her father says that when the hospital authorities decided to operate upon the child, they told him that the hospital had one native surgeon and "khawaja" (epithet of a white foreigner), and he was free to choose one of them.

The child's father preferred the Saudi Arabian surgeon Hassan Raffat, for carrying out the heart surgery. It seemed to be a strange in a position which cannot be generally attained by a native. However, the operation was successful and the child returned home in good health after 10 days. The operation's success did not come as a surprise because the hospital had taken the decision only after ensuring its ability to carry out this type of surgery successfully. It was also not a novel matter for this country, because scores of Saudi Arabian doctors have been performing major, delicate operations for quite a few years.

What actually was surprising was this change in the citizen's insistence on selecting a Saudi Arabian surgeon! We observe this new outlook very clearly everytime we travel by our national carrier, Saudia. It pleases us very much to see a Saudi Arabian pilot in the cockpit.

I offer my salutations to the man who reposed his confidence in his fellow-countryman, and I hail Dr. Raffat who proved himself worthy of this confidence!

Individual worker's role stressed

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, July 22 — A strong managerial understanding of not only the goal of a company but also the individual worker's role in achieving that goal will result in a more efficient organization, according to a local management performance analyst here.

In the third and last report during Saudia's Distinguished Lecture Series, Sir Alkhatim Ali said that in the field of organizational psychology, the effective use of people in organized human effort always has been a pressing problem.

Alkhatim, manager of Saudia's Training Development Performance Analysis Center, said Monday night that corporation executives are faced with the problem of how to organize work and allocate it to workers; how to recruit, train and effectively manage the people available to do the work; how to create work conditions and reward and punishment systems that will enable workers to maintain effectiveness over long periods of time; and how to adjust their organizations to changing environmental conditions.

The lecture provided Saudia managerial personnel with insights into problems that arise in trying to satisfy both the needs of the corporation and the workers within it. He told the audience that among others, psychological problems presented large obstacles.

"The first and perhaps major psychological problem is how to recruit employees, how to train them and how to allocate them to jobs for the most effective role performance. Policies and procedure that ensure organizational effectiveness often may leave the individual's needs unsatisfied or create problems for the individual," Alkhatim said.

A second problem that develops is motivating people toward a high level of performance and considering the psychological contract. In written contracts a person knows how much he is to be paid and exactly what his job responsibilities are, but contradicting expectations between an individual and the

Jeddah issues 4,000 construction licenses

JEDDAH, July 22 — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi said the municipality issued more than 4,000 construction licenses for villas and residential buildings last year.

Al-Riyadh quoted Farsi Wednesday as saying that more than 1.5 million square meters were planted with trees and that the number of gardens reached 170. He also said that 24 fountains were built in the city in 1980 with more planned this year. He said that 700 offenses were filed against companies operating in the city and they were fined more than SR3 million in the same period.

At Saudia lecture series



Sir Alkhatim Ali

organization could lead to conflict.

The organization attempts to accomplish tasks through authority and the individual through upward influence and if there is no common understanding of needs then goals are not achieved efficiently.

Other problems include integrating the various units of a complex organization, which means the improvement of communication and relations among the various informal organizations that arise in the formal structure, the Saudia official said. Another problem area stems from the needs of the organization to survive, grow, develop the capacity to adapt and manage change in a rapidly changing world.

However, these problems can be overcome through a variety of methods, Alkhatim said. Managers can be adaptable, which provides

ability to solve problems and to react with flexibility to changing environmental demands; they can promote a sense of identity through knowledge and insight on the part of the organization regarding what it is, what its goals are and what it is to do.

He said a sense of identity can be enhanced when managers keep in mind certain pertinent questions: to what extent are goals understood and shared widely by members and to what extent is self-perception on the part of the employees in line with perceptions of the organization by others.

Of major importance is a manager's capacity to test reality, which is his ability to search out, accurately perceive and correctly interpret the real properties of the environment, particularly those which have relevance for the function of the organization. One other important criterion for a healthy organization is that managers integrate subparts of the total organization so the parts are not working at cross purposes.

A manager could be effective by not only telling a worker his weak points, but also by pointing out what strong points the worker has in doing his work. A manager must communicate with workers in order to learn the worker's needs, Alkhatim said.

"Quite often a worker has a salary and certain job requirements and the manager thinks the worker should be satisfied, but this is not the case," he added.

"Usually management's assumption is that money is a strong motivator. Behavioral science says it (money) is a satisfier of certain needs, but doesn't motivate the worker to do a better job. An employee looks for appreciation and recognition, self-approval, honest feedback and a feeling of belonging."

"These are some things that need not be ignored. Employees aren't satisfied with only a paycheck—it's a fallacy," Alkhatim emphasized.

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Sanctions against U.S. urged

British MPs rap Israeli raids

LONDON, July 22 (Agencies) — More than 50 British members of parliament have signed a motion condemning Israel's bombing of Beirut and accusing Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin of acting like a terrorist.

The motion was published in Tuesday's House of Commons order paper, generally considered as a platform for expressions of opinion by parliamentarians and will not automatically be debated in the house. An all-party group of 53 M.P.s. Called on parliament to condemn last Friday's bombing of a populous and predominantly Palestinian suburb of Beirut in which some 300 persons are reported to have died.

It noted that Begin was continuing to act like a leader of the Irqvo terrorist organization. The Israeli prime minister belonged to the Irqvo which fought for the establishment of a Zionist state during the British mandate in Palestine. The motion focally called for firm action to prevent the escalation of the conflict and what it called the continued slaughter of innocent civilians.

In Moscow, the Soviet Union Tuesday called for "the strictest" international sanctions against Israel for its nearly two-week bombing raids on Palestinian positions in Lebanon. Without naming them specifically, Mos-

cow also urged sanctions against the United States and Egypt to the extent they supported Israel in raids which were an extension of the "anti-Arab Camp David plot". "The responsibility for the aggression committed by Israel and its consequences falls equally on its protectors," Moscow said in a statement by Tass.

Observers here saw the Soviet statement as confirmation of the Kremlin's desire to play a new role in the Middle East where Moscow has been excluded since its final rupture with Egypt five years ago. In a statement broadcast by Radio Moscow, Tass said: "The Israeli aggressor must suffer the strictest international sanctions included in the charter of the United Nations."

"Tass agency," the statement said, "is authorized to state that the Soviet Union categorically condemns Israel's new acts of aggression and terror against the Arab peoples." "The Soviets are in solidarity with the Lebanese government and the Palestine resistance movement, the victim of unprovoked aggression and with all the Arab peoples defending their legitimate rights."

The responsibility for the aggression committed by Israel and its consequences falls equally on its protectors. There must be an end as rapidly as possible to the Israeli aggression in Lebanon so as to banish the danger of spreading the flames of war.

The Tass statement added that "Israel would not have been able to act with as much provocation and impudence if it had not felt supported." "Israel feels encouraged by the United States," Tass said. "That is precisely the place from which an uninterrupted stream of deadly weaponry is arriving which Israel is pouring out to annihilate the Lebanese population and the Palestinians who have found temporary shelter in Lebanon."

"And no one except the United States has attempted to justify the behavior of Tel Aviv, its aggressive actions toward the Arab countries," it added.

In Milan, an Italian newspaper, *Il Giorno* said Tuesday the Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat strongly praised the Vatican for condemning the Israeli bombardment of Beirut.

Arafat was also quoted as suggesting that Arab oil exporters might protest against U.S. support for Israel by refusing to accept dollars as payment for their petroleum. "The Vatican has condemned the aggressions against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, like the violations perpetrated in Jerusalem," Arafat was quoted as saying in an interview with the daily. The Vatican's position was "certainly positive," Arafat said.

The Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* Saturday condemned the Israeli raids as "an inadmissible act." Israel has expressed worry over signs that the Vatican is warning up to the Arabs.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Shamsul Haq Tuesday sent a message to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim expressing deep shock and concern at the latest Israeli attacks. "We are deeply shocked and concerned at the massive Israeli attack by land, sea and air on Lebanon causing heavy loss of lives and property," he said. "It is indeed the most serious act of atrocity perpetrated by Israel in wanton disregard of the U.N. charter and all canons of international laws and norms," the foreign minister said.

The Israeli cabinet Tuesday gave no immediate indication of whether it had accepted or rejected the U.S. demand for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon following a nearly six-hour meeting in Tel Aviv. In a brief communique, the cabinet stated that "the government debated problems concerning the country's security."

"According to Israeli state radio, the government would reject a demand for a unilateral ceasefire and any move to link it to delivery of American F-16 fighter-bombers. The U.S. has denied Israeli reports of such a linkage."

In his search for peace, United States special envoy Philip Habib arrived in Beirut Wednesday from Tel Aviv with Israeli authorization to open contacts with Lebanese leaders aimed at peace between the two countries. He was met by U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Robert Dillon and Lebanese President Elias Sarkis' chief of protocol Khalil Haddad.

Habib won approval for his latest mission at Tuesday's Israeli cabinet meeting. In Washington State Department officials, commenting on the suspended F-16 fighter shipments to Israel, Tuesday expressed concern that the Arab world might think Washington was indifferent to the effects of the big Israeli air attacks in Lebanon.

Department officials insisted that the F-16 suspension will give Begin some reason to reflect on whether it is profitable to continue his course of action in Lebanon.

The *Chicago Sun-Times* said Tuesday Begin has again outraged much of the world by his military ferocity. "No wonder that Reagan, who come to the White House as an uncompromising friend of Israel, now says, 'This fellow Begin makes it awfully hard for us to help him.'"

CAIRO, (AP) — Egypt and West Germany expect to sign an agreement in September that would clear the way for the sale of nuclear power stations to this country, Energy Minister Maher Abaza was quoted as saying Tuesday.

ODGEN, (AP) — A Libyan arrested while trying to leave the United States has been charged with killing a countryman who was resisting a return to Libya.

Palestinians cannot be destroyed, says Rabin

TEL AVIV, July 22 (R) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin criticized the government's strategy Tuesday toward Palestinians and said they could never be wiped out by force.

In an interview with Reuters, Rabin said it was absurd for Begin to think that it will be possible to destroy the commandos with the kind of raid that Israel has launched in the past two weeks. "I reached the conclusion when I was prime minister that it was impossible to destroy the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). I don't see massive air attacks achieving this goal," he said.

Rabin criticized last Friday's air strike at commando positions in Beirut in which hundreds of civilians were killed.

"The commando positions have been in Beirut for many years. They were there when I was prime minister. At that time, I saw no practical benefits in hitting them because of the political price," he said.

Rabin said the government's policy had damaged relations with the United States. "Americans still remember the Vietnam war. I am not comparing the situation then to our present problems. But people there have an abhorrence of striking civilians indiscriminately."

He said the attack on Beirut had taken away moral force from Israel. In Rabin's opinion, the present Israeli offensive cannot stop the Palestinian bombardments of Israeli settlements. "Theoretically, it may be possible to silence them for a few days. But not absolutely and not for a long time," he said.

Rabin said it was vital that the government ended what he termed a war of attrition with Lebanon. "I am in favor of the diplomatic process and I welcome Tuesday night's government decision to allow U.S. envoy Philip Habib to carry on negotiations." A long-term solution could be achieved only through agreement with Arab states, he said.

Iranians told to foil election sabotage plot

LONDON, July 22 (Agencies) — Iranian Interior Minister Ayatollah Muhammad Reza Mahdvi-Kani said Wednesday that some unidentified groups intended to disrupt Friday's presidential election and urged the people to be vigilant, state radio reported.

"We have information that some groups plot to make a last-minute attempt to prevent the election from taking place. The people should, therefore, be present in the field to abort these plans," he told the radio. Ayatollah Mahdvi-Kani said security precautions had been taken and added: "The people can go to the polling booths with complete peace of mind, but they must be watchful and report any bomb incidents at once."

The election is being held to pick a successor to deposed President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Meanwhile, Iranian opposition circles said in Hamburg Tuesday that Bani-Sadr has called for the creation of a "council of the opposition" and an "action group" to defend the Iranian revolution, in a handwritten letter to Massud Rajavi, president of the Mujahdeen Khalq Islamic opposition group. The July 18 letter from Bani-Sadr, who has been in hiding since he was dismissed as president last month, said the proposed council should act

as a national parliament in Tehran until free elections could be held.

Pars news agency reported in London Tuesday gunmen on motorcycles machine-gunned two Iranian revolutionary guard posts in the northwestern city of Tabriz Monday wounding three persons.

The casualties occurred when gunmen on motorbikes sprayed one of the posts with bullets.

Iranian official escapes murder bid

TEHRAN, July 22 (AFP) — The under-secretary of state to Iran's Education Ministry Shegere Nakhai, escaped an attempt on his life Tuesday in which his bodyguard was wounded, Pars news agency reported.

In the latest of a long series of political attacks in Iran, gunmen opened fire on Nakhai as he left his home. He was unharmed, but the bodyguard, hit in the leg, was hospitalized.

Meanwhile, 15 persons were executed by firing squad at Tehran's Evin Prison Tuesday, the newspaper *Ettelaat* reported.

Italy ships 10 'copters to Iran

MILAN, July 22 (AP) — An Italian company recently shipped 10 U.S.-designed helicopters to Iran in its first major delivery to the Middle Eastern country since sanctions against it were lifted following the return of the American hostages, a company official said Tuesday.

The Italian government had refused to grant flight permits for the CH-47 helicopters to line with a European Economic Community embargo on contracts with Iran to protest the seizure of the hostages. The Iranians had

paid for the aircraft and become owners of them on paper before the EEC fixed the embargo in May, 1980, and made it retroactive to November, 1979, when the hostages were taken.

The official for the company, Agusta S.P.A., said the Italian government won't let it negotiate new contracts with Iran apparently because it doesn't want to fuel Middle East tensions by selling Iran equipment that has potential military uses.

Somali plane crash victims buried

MOGADISHU, July 22 (AFP) — The bodies of the 50 persons who died in a Somali Airlines plane crash Monday were buried here Tuesday with military honors. Among them were three senior armed forces officers and a foreign volunteer for an international aid agency.

International said one of their volunteers who was traveling to a refugee camp near Hargeisa, was among the victims. But they declined to give his name or nationality.

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Third in 48 hours

Armenian blast hits 25 in Switzerland

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 22 (AP) — Armenian terrorists claimed responsibility for detonating a powerful explosive device Tuesday that injured 25 persons, none seriously, at a department store in midtown Lausanne, Switzerland's fifth largest city.

The explosion was the third in a major Swiss city in about 48 hours, a series that a federal government spokesman said was unprecedented in Switzerland.

Explosive devices were set off outside the federal parliament building in Bern on Sunday, harming no one, and at the shopping mall at Zurich's International Airport Monday, slightly injuring five persons.

A clandestine anti-Swiss Armenian group, the "June 9th Organization," took credit for the bombings in telephone calls placed to the Geneva bureau of Agence France Presse within hours of each blast.

The militant "June 9th" group takes its name from the date, last month, an avowed Armenian commando was arrested in Geneva minutes after the fatal shooting of a Turkish consular employee.

Awaiting trial in Geneva on one count of premeditated murder is Mardiros M. Jankodjian, whose 23rd birthday coincided with Monday's bombing in Zurich. The ruthless Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia has vowed to "destroy Swiss interests throughout the world" unless Jankodjian, an avowed secret army commando, is freed.

None of the victims in the department store explosion was injured seriously, police said. Most suffered superficial leg injuries and were sent home after being treated. The blast occurred in the store's women's clothing section.

Security talks may be put off

MADRID, July 22 (R) — Prospects of bringing the long-running European security conference to a successful conclusion by the end of this month have dimmed further and delegates weighed an early adjournment to next October or later.

A plenary session of the 35-state meeting was convened Tuesday but there were no speakers. The sessions are already running more than four months behind scheduled and conference sources said consideration was now being given to calling an adjournment either on Friday or by the middle of next week.

The most likely date mentioned for a resumption of the slow-moving conference, designed to revive East-West detente, was next Oct. 27, the sources said.

Talk of an adjournment gathered momentum after the NATO countries on one side and the Soviet Union on the other Monday rejected each other's compromise proposals on military security, the main outstanding area of disagreement at the nine-month negotiations.

"Never have there been these sort of attacks so close together before" in Switzerland, said Ulrich Krebs, a spokesman for the Federal Department of Justice and Police in Bern. "Never, never. Never before, like this, in three days."

Switzerland from mid-October to February, was the object of a similar series of Armenian terrorist bombings, which began after the arrest in Geneva last Oct. 3 of two suspected secret army commandos.

They were injured in the premature explosion of the bomb, authorities said, they were making. The accused commandos, are Alexandre Yenikomishian, 26, who lost his sight and left hand in the explosion, and Suzik K. Mahseredjian, 24, of 7 Ganoga Park, Calif., were tried separately in Geneva, given suspended 18-month prison sentences and expelled from the country.

The bombings, directed at Swiss government, commercial and tourist offices in major European cities, ended with their release.

Carter reportedly authorized spying to restrict N- exports

ATLANTA, July 22 (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter authorized spying on U.S. allies in an attempt to curb the exporting of materials that could be used to manufacture nuclear weapons, *The Atlanta Journal* has reported.

The newspaper quoted former Carter administration officials as saying Carter was willing to risk angering important allies in order to monitor impending sales of nuclear-related equipment or materials. The nations monitored were not identified.

"We had to use our intelligence to find out not what a country said they were doing but what they were actually doing," said former White House chief of staff Hamilton Jordan. "To some people, I'm sure it smacked of American arrogance to develop the bomb, use it and then tell them not to do it. But Carter's reaction was that if the United States is not going to use its influence to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons, who will?" he said.

The *Journal* said Carter also initiated secret talks with at least 10 countries in an effort to persuade them to stop exports of nuclear materials and equipment. The former President initiated the talks because he feared out-of-control nuclear development among some countries, particularly in the Middle East, according to a former Carter administration nuclear expert quoted by the newspaper.

The official, who was not identified, said Carter had little confidence in the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1969 and other international agreements. Because of these fears, Carter allowed the monitoring of allies without the knowledge of international agencies or Congress, the *Journal* quoted the official as saying. "I guess you could call it spying,

Teacher held in French massacre

MARSEILLES, France, July 22 (AFP) — French police have been holding a 31-year-old schoolteacher they say has confessed to taking part in the massacre last weekend of a strongarm rightist police inspector and five other persons.

The dead were identified as police inspector Jacques Massie aged 41, his 38-year-old wife, his eight-year-old son Alexandre, two parents-in-law, and a male friend of Massie's sister. The killing was said to have occurred Saturday night in inspector Massie's villa, at Auriol near here. Police found bloodstains in the villa but none of the bodies has so far been recovered.

According to the arrested man, named as Jean Bruno Finochetti, inspector Massie's throat was cut and other victims were stabbed or beaten to death with iron bars or strangled. Evidence in the villa indicated that one victim may have been tortured.

Police, who were also questioning two other persons said to have witnessed the murders, quoted Finochetti as saying he only took part in the final stage of the killings, most of which were the work of a five-man commando that broke into the villa.

Bodies untraced

Teacher held in French massacre

Finochetti, originally of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was reportedly known in the region as a supporter of the extreme right. His confession was reportedly taken at face value due to the precision of details in his account of the killings.

Police attributed the slayings to feuding inside the Service D'Action Civique (SAC), an unofficial bodyguard organization established in 1958 to back Gen. Charles de Gaulle in his return to power. Members included not only ardent Gaullists but also adventurers and professional criminals.

Inspector Massie was a member of SAC, which since De Gaulle's death has been in eclipse. Some of its members have in recent years been implicated in murder, drug peddling, aid to foreign fascist groups, and attacks on the offices of French left-wing organizations.

Last May, during the French presidential election campaign, two men on a motorcycle fired shots at inspector Massie. He was unhurt, but his car was hit several times. At the time, inspector Massie and another man were driving about plastering walls with posters backing a right-wing candidate. He

told police then that he had no enemies he knew of.

Inspector Massie and his family were last seen alive on Saturday in the villa. At 8 a.m. Sunday morning, a neighbor telephoned firemen to report that fire had broken out in the Massie home. Police were later called to the scene following the discovery of bloodstains in the villa and because of the personal history of the inspector, who was temporarily attached to Marseilles police headquarters.

Sunday morning the police started searching the villa which was only partially damaged — fire had partly burned the kitchen. They found lengths of rope still attached to some of the chairs. There were bloodstains not only inside but also running for 100 meters outside.

Some of the marks could have been made by a body dragged along. There were also traces of human hair near the bloody trail. The marks suggested that one of the victims had been tortured, or had fought for his life.

Outside the villa stood the inspector's car, half burned out. Bloodstains in the boot showed that a body had been put in there and driven somewhere.

French ties with Spain strained

MADRID, July 22 (R) — The cancellation of a trip to Madrid by French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre appears to signal a new slump in Franco-Spanish relations, according to diplomatic sources here.

Spanish Foreign Ministry officials said the visit, which was due to begin Tuesday, had been tentatively postponed until July 29. But in Paris French officials said it was canceled because of adverse Spanish press reaction to the minister's opposition to the extradition of suspected Basque guerrillas to Spain.

The sudden frostiness in relations between the two neighbors contrasts sharply with the atmosphere less than three weeks ago when a lightning trip to Paris by Prime Minister Calvo Sotelo was hailed in Madrid as the start of a new partnership.

The extradition of suspected guerrillas from France has long been one of the most contentious issues souring relations between the two countries. There are now 13 suspected Basque guerrillas in French jails and French courts have so far recommended the extradition of five, although a final decision rests with the government in Paris.

Spanish hopes that the advent of a new Socialist administration in France would lead to greater flexibility on the issue were soon dashed when French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said his government would not extradite any of the Basques.

At the time his statement raised howl of protest in Spain and almost scotched a trip to Spain by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson. But Cheysson finally came to Madrid and smoothed the way for the Spanish prime minister's trip to Paris early this month.

This produced French promises to stop Basque guerrillas attacking Spain from havens in French territory and was followed by a statement by Cheysson that some Basques might be extradited as common law criminals.

A strong anti-French campaign in sections of the Spanish press then declined. But last week French Common Market officials in Brussels adopted an uncompromising attitude to Spain's application for EEC membership during a visit by Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca.

The French stance in Brussels caused suggestions in the local press that perhaps the newly acquired "understanding" was not quite so solid after all. Defferre's extradition remarks in the French weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur* last weekend proved the last straw.

The monarchist daily *ABC* called them an intolerable interference in Spanish affairs and the Catholic newspaper *Ya* suggested the French minister call off his planned trip to Madrid.

Defferre said that extradition was against all of France's traditions, especially when a political struggle was involved.

Separatist guerrillas of the ETA (Basque homeland and liberty) organization have been responsible for most of the 29 deaths through political violence in the Spanish northern region this year. The death toll passed the 100 mark last year.



JULY SNOW: In spite of the unusual layer of snow for this time of the year that makes his ride rather difficult, this cyclist managed to ride up the pass of La Croix de Fer, French Alps, Sunday. The unseasonal bad weather has claimed the lives of several alpinists.

At United Nations

Africans to ask for Namibian debate

UNITED NATIONS, July 22 (AP) — The U.N. African group has agreed to ask that the General Assembly hold an emergency special session on Namibia from Sept. 3 to 11.

Kasuka Simwinji Mutukwa of Zambia, who heads the group this month, disclosed the agreement Tuesday after a two-hour private meeting of the 51-nation group on the question of Namibia, or Southeast Africa.

African foreign ministers meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, June 15-26, called for an emergency special session of the assembly on the independence of Namibia. They acted just under three months after the United States, Britain and France, in the U.N. Security

Council, vetoed four resolutions for sanctions to push South Africa out of Namibia.

Under a rule based on the assembly's 1950 "uniting for peace" resolution, whenever the veto prevents the council from acting in the interest of peace, an emergency special session to fill the gap "shall be convened" within 24 hours of a request from the majority of U.N. members to the secretary-general, now Kurt Waldheim.

Mutukwa told a reporter "we have 30 days" to go to work on setting up the emergency special session.

The African group's dates for the emergency special session include Labor Day, Sept. 7, an American holiday which is ordinarily a day off for U.N. employees.

BRIEFS

PIRAEUS, Greece, (R) — Two persons were killed and several others, including a policeman, were injured in a bomb attack at a transport office here Wednesday, a police spokesman said. He said that two persons, apparently foreigners, entered the office and fired shots with automatic pistols. "Afterwards, they threw a bomb and disappeared," he said.

OPORTO, Northern Portugal, (AFP) — An explosion in a fireworks factory, apparently caused by bot weather, killed four persons Tuesday at Lamego, north-central Portugal, the local fire department said.

ATHENS, Greece, (AP) — Five incendiary bombs exploded in two Athens supermarkets early Wednesday, but the fires caused were promptly extinguished by firemen, police reported. Police said that three bombs were planted at the Sklavienis Supermarket, causing damage worth \$14,000. The two other bombs exploded at

the Marinopoulos Supermarket, causing minor damage.


WASHINGTON, (AP) — Wilson Schmidt, President Ronald Reagan's nominee to represent the United States at the World Bank, died at a Washington hospital Tuesday after sustaining injuries in a fire at the prestigious Cosmos Club. Schmidt, 54, had been brought to George Washington University Medical Center Sunday night for treatment of smoke inhalation. A hospital spokesman said Schmidt died of cardiac arrest.

BANGUI, (AFP) — Central African Republic President David Dacko has ordered the armed forces to disperse any unlawful crowds which may gather in the wake of his declaration Tuesday of a nationwide state of siege. Dacko declared the state of siege three days after banning two opposition parties, suspending a third and ordering the arrest of their leaders and senior members.


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Fed to tighten rein on monetary growth

WASHINGTON, July 22 (R) — The U.S. Central Bank has decided on a further tightening of money in circulation despite calls at home and from U.S. allies abroad to ease restraints and let interest rates fall.

Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker told Congress the bank intended to allow less money supply growth this year than planned, and to cut money growth even further in 1982. The Federal Reserve had been aiming to hold growth in the basic money supply between 3.5 and six percent.

However, Volcker told the House Banking

Committee the bank was now aiming at growth near the lower end of that range. The bank's decision came as President Reagan was under pressure from allies at the Ottawa summit to cut interest rates because of their impact on international trade.

The Federal Reserve Board is an independent branch of the government, but President Reagan has generally supported its money control measures which are designed to reduce inflation.

Soaring interest rates, with the prime rate at a near record 20.5 percent, have depressed the car and home construction industries. Volcker acknowledged that high interest rates had repercussions for some of the main economic partners of the U.S., but he said monetary restraint was needed to reduce inflation and would help bring interest rates down in time.

In the short term, the latest reductions in monetary growth could mean higher interest rates because less money would be available to borrowers, he added. Volcker said the bank had tentatively adopted an even tighter 2.5 to 5.5 percent range for money growth in 1982.

Mobil hits record by borrowing \$6b

NEW YORK, July 22 (R) — The biggest commercial loan in history was made in New York.

The borrower was Mobil Corporation, the second largest U.S. oil company, which collected Tuesday \$6 billion and immediately invested the money in short term securities.

The lender was a syndicate of 41 banks backing Mobil's bid to buy Conoco, the ninth largest U.S. oil company and owner of the number two coal producer. Mobil is battling Du Pont chemical and a big Canadian concern, Seagram, for Conoco. A Mobil spokesman said the company wanted to have the borrowed funds available on immediate notice.

Speculative activities Hunts to pay \$500,000 penalty

WASHINGTON, July 22 (R) — The billionaire Hunt family has agreed to pay \$500,000 in civil penalties to settle federal charges that they acquired an illegal amount of soybean futures contracts in 1977.

Nelson B. Hunt, W.H. Hunt, Houston B. Hunt and a number of relatives agreed to pay the penalty, the largest ever assessed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The family also consented never again to speculate in soybeans, said the commission, a federal agency which polices commodities trading. It said Nelson Hunt and Herbert Hunt have also been banned from this market for two years.

The Hunt family, billionaire owners of silver mines, food chains and farms, are also

being investigated on charges that they tried to manipulate the silver market before the precipitous drop in silver prices in 1980. The commission said the present arrangement does not prohibit a continuing investigation into the silver charges.

The CFTC in 1977 accused them of violating its rules which sets limits on the amount of soybeans futures contracts a speculator can hold. No proof, however, of this has been provided so far. The rule was designed to lesson the opportunity for a big speculator to control the market and manipulate the prices. Congressional sources said the Hunt family is estimated by some Congressmen to possess a fortune of \$8 billion.

Feeding livestock

EEC restricts hormone use

BRUSSELS, July 22 (R) — European Common Market farm ministers have agreed to a partial ban on the use of hormones to fatten livestock, but rejected consumer demands for total prohibition.

The ministers imposed a community-wide ban on synthetic hormones like stilbenes and thyrostics — recognized as a health hazard to meat consumers, officials said. But they agreed to the continued use in Britain and Ireland of five hormones which those countries say pose no danger to consumers.

The EEC Commission would undertake scientific studies of the effects of those five and report back to the ministers in nine months, the officials said. The decision came under fire from the European consumers' lobby, Beuc, which has been urging blanket prohibition.

Tony Venables, director of Beuc, said the ministers seemed to be 'hiding behind a scientific committee to avoid meeting their previ-

ous commitment for a total ban'.

In another development, the EEC wants consultations with Washington on the U.S. government's intention to sell 50,000 tons of butter to New Zealand at far less than world prices for ultimate shipment to the Soviet Union, sources said.

Reports on the butter deal have sparked considerable controversy within the community, as the Reagan administration has strongly criticized the EEC policy of providing subsidies for agricultural exports.

The reports have come at a time when stocks of butter, cheese and milk in the community have reached 800,000 tons.

Meanwhile, the European Commission granted Ireland about \$50 million in special agricultural aid to compensate for a serious drop in revenues suffered by Irish farmers.

This aid was agreed upon in principle when agricultural prices were set last May. About \$32 million were assigned to a drainage program for western Ireland.

Financial Roundup Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, July 22 — The dollar was still fairly strong Wednesday on European markets after closing at high level on the New York bourses Tuesday night. Dollar interest rates continued to firm on both the American and European markets, reaching levels of 19 1/2 percent for the three-month in New York. With Fed funds rates also reaching 20 1/2 percent and closing at 20 1/4 percent in New York Tuesday night. The dollar opened fairly strong in Europe Wednesday. European dealers also took rate of Fed chairman Paul Volcker, who was quoted as saying that "Fed" was committed to a tight monetary policy which tried to limit the money supply growth.

On the local bourses, rial deposit rates continued to firm, reaching 17 1/2 — 18 percent levels for the one-month — a 1/2 percent jump over Tuesday prices. Rial deposit rates opened lower at 17 1/4 — 17 1/2 percent for the one-month. But very quickly firmed after the European markets showed a continuing dollar rally on the exchanges. One-year rial deposits opened at 15 1/4 — 16 1/4 percent, but by close these also had climbed to 16 — 16 1/2 percent. However, most of the rises were in the short tenors with week fixed jumping also to 18 — 18 1/2 percent in some active dealing.

The local exchange rial-dollar market was also quite hectic and dealers reported

some lively transactions when the major Bahrain, based OBU's — offshore book unit — entered the market.

Spot rial-dollar opened at 3.4090-0 dealing for a Friday start — and quickly rose to 3.4105 — 15 levels which is comparable to levels of 3.4130 — 40 on "normal" spec quotes.

Most attraction, however, was concentrated on the European exchanges when the dollar's rally continued. After closing in New York at 2.1075, the Swiss franc was traded at similar levels 2.1060 Wednesday. The situation was similar with the German mark, which closed at levels of 2.4600 in New York, but after some Central Bank support in Europe average at 2.45 levels Wednesday. The yen was still weak at 234.00 levels and the Bank of Japan governor Maekawa hinted that the Central Bank would reverse its passive policy and adopt a more aggressive intervention and support policy for the yen. He feels that the yen is undervalued at 234.00 levels. In other currency news, the British pound remained volatile closing at 1.8530 in New York, after closing at 1.8400 levels in London Tuesday. On Wednesday, the pound regained some ground to average at 1.8850 — three cents rise in one day. However, with British unemployment now standing at 11.8 percent — the 14th consecutive monthly rise — the pound remains a volatile currency.

Muldoon to boycott Bahamas talks

WELLINGTON, July 22 (R) — New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon has said he would boycott the Commonwealth finance ministers meeting in September now that it has been moved from Auckland to the Bahamas.

Commonwealth sources in London said Tuesday the venue was changed because of the New Zealand government's failure to have a tour of the country by South Africa's Springbok rugby team. The decision was taken by the committee on Southern Africa and announced by the Commonwealth secretary in London.

The committee's statement said it noted 'with extreme regret' that the Springbok team had arrived in New Zealand. 'The committee regretfully agreed that the venue of the Commonwealth finance ministers meeting scheduled for September 1981 should be changed', it said.

The prime minister told reporters: 'The

result of the decision in London is that there is now a new element in the Commonwealth association, and New Zealand will be exploring that in the next month or two.

EEC bank lends Cyprus \$12m

LUXEMBOURG, July 22 (R) — The European Investment Bank, the European Common Market's long-term financing arm Wednesday announced a \$12 million loan to Cyprus.

It is the bank's first operation in Cyprus and the money will go toward expanding a thermal power station at Dhékelia in the South-east coast of the island. The 15-year loan carries a 11 percent interest rate, allowing for a two percent interest subsidy financed from the European Community budget, the announcement said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.75	9.0590	15.10
Bangladesh Taka (100)	—	—	86.10
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	2.82
Canadian Dollar	—	—	138.65
Deutsche Mark (100)	139.25	125.25	124.80
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	—	4.22
Egyptian Pound	4.00	—	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.00	—
French Franc (100)	59.00	58.30	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	61.00	57.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.95
Iranian Rial (100)	25.00	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	8.00	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.20	28.00	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	14.55
Jordanian Dinar	10.19	10.13	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.09	12.02	—
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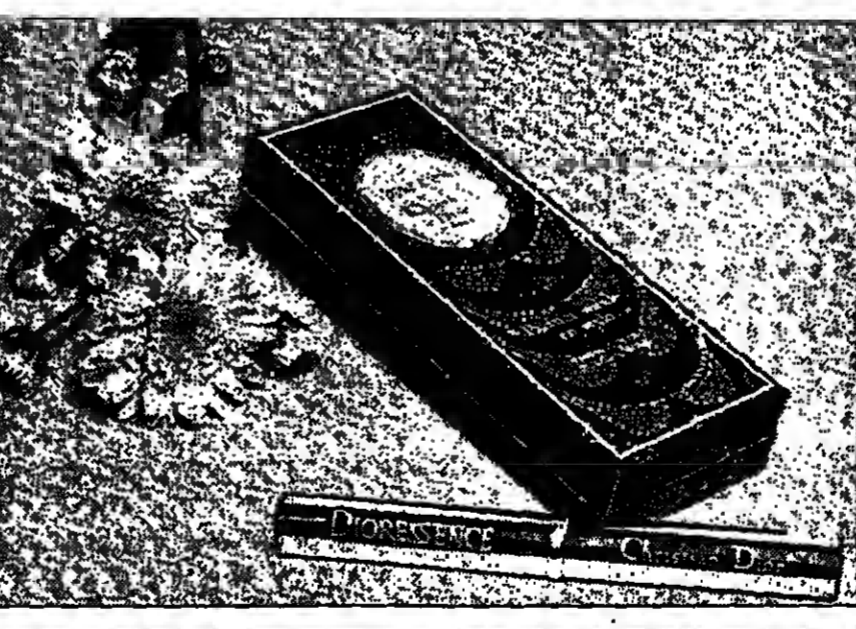
NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Smiths Industries of Britain has tied up with Autometers of India, which makes vehicle instruments. The United Kingdom firm is to take a 40 percent share in the company, which is near New Delhi. It is already providing the know-how.

OTTAWA, (AFP) — Nepal is to get

\$12,300,000 over the next three years from the Canadian International Development Agency, towards development of its poorest rural regions. The purpose is to further self-sufficiency and social advancement of areas classified by the United Nations as among the world's most backward.

LONDON, (AFP) — British Petroleum is negotiating the possible purchase of 100,000 barrels a day of oil from Mexico's Pemex, the Financial Times has reported. Discussions cover the mix of crudes to be supplied and the sale price. Pemex is believed to be offering a high proportion of inferior "May" oil, but B.P. wants more higher-grade "Isthmus" oil, the newspaper believed.

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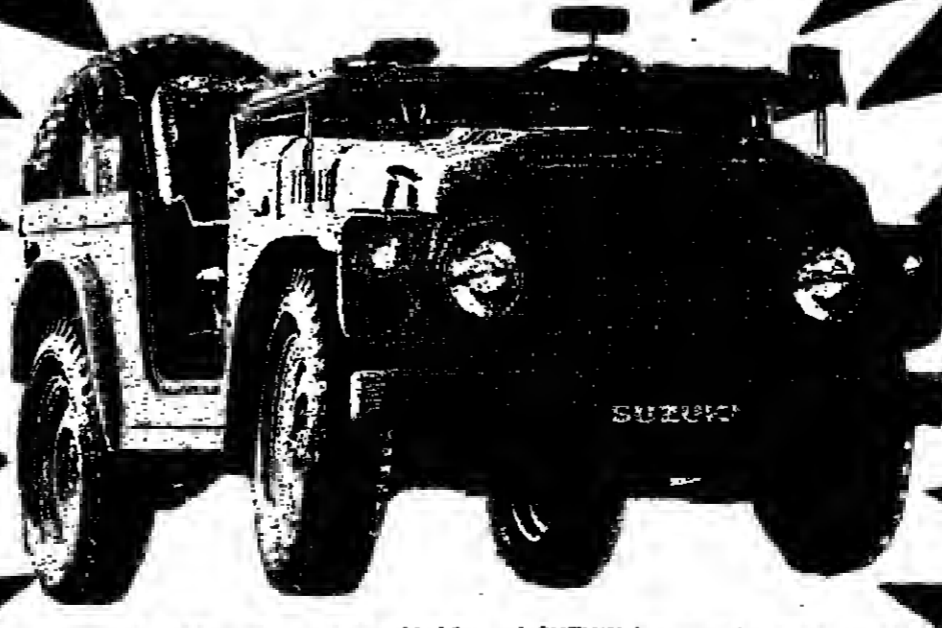
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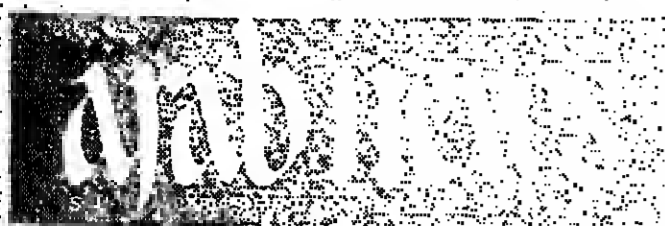
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Israeli raids fail to 'decapitate' PLO

BEIRUT — Israel is bound to plunge Lebanon into a senseless bloodbath if it follows through with Prime Minister Menachem Begin's recent threat to "decapitate" the infrastructure of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), observers here said Wednesday. In view of the commando nature of the PLO, Begin's goal would be next to impossible to achieve and much innocent blood would be spilled, as shown in Friday's devastating raids on Beirut, the observers said.

A reported 190 people were killed and 700 were wounded in the bombing raids that destroyed only three Palestinian buildings. The PLO has a dozens of separate offices — no headquarters — in west Beirut and in Palestinian refugee camps dotting Beirut's highly populated outskirts where both Palestinians and Lebanese live.

The PLO also has a certain mobility due to the existence of a number of organizations with parallel structures of their own. And the PLO has already repeatedly proven that it can bounce back from serious blows against the organization.

But perhaps more importantly, observers said, each military attack against the PLO paradoxically reinforces it politically and militarily. The attacks also strengthen Arab support for the cause. Following Friday's raids, PLO chief Yasser Arafat called for a meeting on Thursday of the Arab Defense Council to discuss Israel's actions, and Arab countries have already accorded financial help to the PLO.

Saudi Arabia alone gave \$20 million, while Libya has regularly been supplying the PLO with sophisticated weapons. As a result, future Israeli attacks are bound to inflict more suffering on an already beleaguered country while likely failing in their avowed goal of cutting the head off the PLO, observers said. (AFP)

Mystery surrounds Rio explosion

By Jan Rocha

SAO PAULO — The Brazilian Army's clumsy attempt to cover up the truth behind a bomb explosion that killed a sergeant and wounded a captain in Rio de Janeiro two months ago has not only failed to convince the public but has boomeranged back on the army. By declaring that Serg. Guilherme Rosario and Capt. Wilson Machado had been victims of a left-wing attack, the official inquiry intended to protect the honor of the armed forces.

The cover-up might have worked with a muzzled press but instead Brazilian newspapers had no trouble rounding up bomb disposal experts, forensic scientists, eyewitnesses and army officers who all refuted the official conclusion and showed that the two men must have been carrying the bomb when it accidentally exploded.

Capt. Wilson Machado is head of the army's secret operations department in Rio. Far from clearing the army's name, the inquiry's attempt to cover up the truth had raised a series of embarrassing questions. What were the two men doing with a bomb outside a crowded pop concert? Were they planning a massacre to be followed by a roundup of left-wingers, as one paper suggested? Who gave them their orders? Were they members of a right-wing terrorist organization acting within the army?

Why did the president, Gen. Figueiredo, not use the chance to expose an apparent source of right-wing terrorism? Since he took power two years ago, there have been more than 80 bombs and fire attacks against opposition and left-wing targets, including newspapers, the bar association and politicians. If the president is afraid to name these terrorists, what sort of bold do they have over him?

For many army officers the inquiry result was a shock as the bomb itself. In Sao Paulo, Army Commander Gen. Beckman assembled his men the day before it was announced and told them bluntly: "I don't want my soldiers to read this in the papers." Most officers keep their discontent to themselves for fear of damaging promotion prospects; some have been punished for making public criticisms. Nonetheless, a retired general, Antonio Carlos Serra, has circulated a manifesto criticizing military leaders and implying that a right-wing coup is being prepared.

The possibility of such a coup, or at least a "shutting down" of Brazil's incipient liberalization hangs over the heads of the political parties. Rather than risk the cancellation of next year's promised elections, they prefer to shut their eyes to the implications of the Rio bomb and to concentrate on guaranteeing the political process which should, in theory, lead to a civilian president in 1984.

Malawi seeks to mend fences with neighbors

By Victor Ndovi

LONDON. — Malawi, South Africa's black "friend," is making a strong diplomatic effort to patch up differences with its neighbors — Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. The long-standing boundary conflict with Tanzania in the extreme northern part of Malawi is being tackled by employing an independent British surveyor in an attempt to redefine the frontier.

Until independence from Britain (in 1961 for Tanzania and in 1964 for Malawi), the border followed the Songwe River in northern Malawi. But in September 1968, Malawi's President Hastings Banda laid claims to part of Tanzania and Zambia, and tension rose sharply.

After threats of retaliation by Zambia and Tanzania, Malawi appeared to have backed down. However, with the aid of the Portuguese, then in power in Mozambique, Banda established a "navy" — two gun-boats officered first by Portuguese and then by South Africans — to police the northern tip of Lake Malawi. A few clashes occurred between

Malawian and Tanzanian security units. Since the mid-1970s, the hostility has cooled, but the border issue has remained unresolved and Malawi's lake passenger services to Tanzania have not operated for 13 years.

The quarrel with Zambia is in the west. At a meeting of government ministers from the two countries in the Malawian border town of Mchinji last October, the Malawians demanded the redefinition of their western boundary. They wanted the border to follow the watershed along the Luangwa Valley in Zambia's eastern province.

The Zambians not only refused, but also decided to move the railhead terminal on the Malawi-Zambia railway from Mchinji to Chipata, 190 miles inside Zambia.

In an attempt to resolve problems with Mozambique, his southern neighbor, Banda is posting an ambassador to Maputo. Relations between the two countries were severely strained by Malawi's open support for the former Portuguese regime in Mozambique. After Mozambique's independence in June 1975, Malawi continued to support oppo-

nents of the Frelimo government.

Early this year, at a trial in Maputo of 27 people accused of armed robbery, organizing military training and recruiting people for subversion, it was alleged that they were members of the anti-government Free Africa organization. According to the testimony, Free Africa's leaders, as yet unidentified, are based in Malawi.

Malawi is also strengthening ties with Zimbabwe, and a high commissioner is to be sent to Salisbury shortly. Malawi's record in helping Zimbabwean nationalists to attain independence is regarded among Africans as at best appalling. Malawi's problem is that as a "friend" of South Africa it is surrounded by countries which are implacably hostile to the apartheid regime in Pretoria.

Zambia has been the chief behind-the-scenes influence in persuading Banda to change his stance. It was Zambia, for example, that instigated Malawi's co-option into the Southern African Development Coordinating Council, the regional economic body that groups independent southern African countries. —(ONS)

U.S. 'PUNISHMENT'

Sorry, correction! The six-F-16s are, after all, still being "held up" by the Americans. With the four originally held in the aftermath of the attack on Baghdad, this makes ten. The Israelis will have to wait for a while before this type of shipment is resumed.

But one can be certain that the Israelis are able to meet this "punishment" with equanimity. For, not for the first time, Israel is first given the means to resist all pressure, and then, very gently, pressurized. In this case, the American move came after providing the Israelis with 53 F-16s out of the promised 75, and 25 out of the promised 40 of the even more devastating F-15s. The traffic in other military equipment, of course, goes unimpeded.

It is no wonder then that Israeli Prime Minister Begin more or less tells his patron U.S. President Reagan more or less to mind his own business, whenever the latter chooses to burble something about restraint every time the Israelis commit a new atrocity. And it is also no wonder that that same Begin can dictate to Reagan's envoy to the Middle East, Philip Habib, on who he should see in his attempt to obtain a ceasefire, and who, on no account, he must see — as if Habib was his very own envoy.

Meanwhile, the fighting shows no letup. The Palestinians continue to hit back with all the means at their disposal. If these are modest, they have proved they are not ineffective. As *Le Monde's* correspondent noted, the Israeli towns and settlements of Upper Galilee are now deserted, and the economic damage in the area is considerable.

And that in the end is what matters: to show the Israelis that they can wreak havoc through their superior weapons, but that they cannot and will not, ultimately, win.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Okaz* Wednesday reported that the Palestinian resistance has agreed to a ceasefire in response to a request from U.S. President Reagan and the United Nations. *Al-Bilad* led with violent clashes between Israel and the Palestinian-Lebanese joint forces while *Al-Jazirah* gave lead prominence to the U.N. urge for a ceasefire in South Lebanon. The U.S. decision to defer the delivery of F-16 aircraft to Israel until the latter returns to a "less violent level" figured prominently as lead story in *Al-Nadwa* while *Al-Madina* gave lead coverage to a statement by Abu Ayad, the second strong man of the Palestinian resistance movement, in which he praised Saudi Arabia's support for the resistance movement.

Newspapers frontpaged the Ottawa industrial summit conference, highlighting U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's announcement on President Reagan's decision to put off the delivery of F-16 warplanes to Israel. In a front-page story, *Al-Bilad* reported that the joint Arab Defense Council will meet in Tunis Thursday to discuss a unified strategy to confront the Zionist aggression. It also said that the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon will meet Saturday to discuss the present situation in Lebanon. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's tour of a number of Latin American countries and Mexico figured prominently on the front page of the Kingdom's newspapers.

bring about a positive result not only in favor of the national issues but in the interest of the emerging nations as well. The paper enumerated the Kingdom's contributions at the world body and all other international agencies, including its membership of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and added that the Kingdom's international role is of great significance. It reiterated that "we do not want anything from the major powers and the industrial nations but to give us their respect and regard while showing their alignment to the Zionists."

Al-Jazirah dwelt on the meeting of the joint Arab Defense Council in Tunis, and hoped that the participants will come to an actual agreement on the mobilization of the Arab military prowess against the Israeli enemy. The paper said that this should not be considered an impossible matter, but reminded that its achievement will necessitate the removal of fear and lack of confidence among the Arab states themselves. It added that Arab rifts have always been the main cause of their setback before the enemy and, in this connection, referred to the tragic situation in Lebanon having been brought by rifts and differences among the parties concerned in that country. The paper said that, even if Israel possesses atomic bombs, the Arabs should not feel afraid of these weapons because, if they harm the Arabs, they will also harm the Israelis. It exhorted the Arabs to stop fearing from the military power of Israel and to take a bold step to instill fear in the Israelis themselves.

On the other hand, *Al-Bilad* felt the great need for the achievement of solidarity and the removal of all marginal differences from among the Arabs. The paper regretted that the world conscience could not be impressed by the Zionist onslaughts on the Lebanese and Palestinians and their killing of innocent women, children and old men. It therefore urged the Arabs to realize their solidarity and to confront the fierce Israeli aggression with the force of their faith and steadfastness. The paper reminded the Arabs that, if they don't do this, they should accept defeat and sit silently, which is not the characteristic of the Arabs and Muslims.

Okaz also highlighted the importance of solidarity and said that their unity can provide them the sharpest weapon that can be successfully used to defeat the enemy. The paper described Zionism as "cancer," which will continue to spread in the absence of Arab unity and solidarity. It urged them to learn a lesson from the disunity of the Lebanese parties and exhorted them to free their will and determination from the influence of the West or the East.

Al-Nadwa criticized the U.S. policy on the delivery of arms to Israel. It said that, when the U.S. postpones the supply of F-16s to Israel until it stops its aggressive activity against Lebanon, it creates a serious precedence which is based on the consideration that a mere halt to the Israeli onslaughts will entitle it to receive the planes from America. The paper considered the U.S. stances as part of a plot being carried out against the Arabs through the Zionist enemy.



How "South Lebanon" is a good drink in the Middle East "cafeteria"? Isn't it? *Okaz*

Sayings of the week

The task I set myself 13 years ago has been fulfilled. That is why I am ready to step back at any time. *Lech Walesa (Times)* June 2.

Giscard's society was frozen over. Nowspring has come, warmth and rediscovery. *Jack Lang, minister of culture (Guardian)* June 2.

Our missiles entered Lebanon to remain, got to come out. *Abdul Hakim Khaddam, Syrian foreign minister (ITT)* June 2.

Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Schmidt won't be able to talk in English on the telephone because Mr. Mitterrand doesn't speak English. *Claude Cheysson, French foreign minister (ITT)* June 2.

When I was running for the presidency, neither the Americans, the Russians nor the German government were very much in my favor. Luckily the French people were of a different opinion. *President Mitterrand (New York Times)* June 5.

We believe that on economic recovery there can be no Democrats and no Republicans — only Americans. *President Reagan (ITT)* June 5.

Abortion destroys the image of God in the world. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Washington (ITT)* June 5.

The American government is not entitled to talk about terrorism, since it practices the highest degree of terrorism in the world. *Col. Qaddafi of Libya (Time)* June 8.

U.K. stamps boosted by royal wedding

By Guy Collins

LONDON, (R) — Britain's royal wedding has come as a welcome tonic to the international stamp market, which is just recovering from a price slump that saw stamp values fall 30 percent in late 1979 and early 1980. More than 70 countries are producing stamps commemorating the July 27 wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, and dealers offering souvenir sets report brisk demand.

David Stokes, managing director of London dealers Stanley Gibbons, described the response as "fantastic, much bigger than we thought possible," and said there were tens of thousands of customers world-wide for the wedding stamp sets.

But he stressed they were being advertised for their sentimental or heirloom value and said that financially they would not make a good short-term investment.

Britain's royal wedding stamps, issued yesterday, show a photo-portrait of Prince Charles and Lady Diana taken by Lord Snowdon, Society photographer and former

husband of Queen Elizabeth's sister, Princess Margaret. Both stamps have a low face value to encourage wide circulation.

But Stokes pointed out that since the first issue of royal stamps in 1935 marking the silver jubilee of King George IV few have risen much in value. One exception was the set of 1948 stamps marking the silver wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

These have soared to around \$3,050 from the original price of little more than face value. The stamp market in general has seen prices climb steadily higher in recent years but went through a rather traumatic period 18 months ago.

Values fell by up to 30 percent as investors balked at paying the high prices asked, and Stanley Gibbons, which paid \$20 million in 1979 for the Mark Haas collection of U.S. stamps, found great difficulty in selling them.

Since early last year prices have picked up again. In April 1980 an anonymous collector paid a record \$850,000 for a British Guiana 1856 one-cent stamp, three times what it brought just 10 years earlier.



COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS: The British Post Office yesterday issued 14 and 25 pence stamps to commemorate the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. The couple will be married in less than a week at St. Paul's Cathedral. This photograph of Prince Charles and Lady Diana was especially taken for use on these stamps by Lord Snowdon. (LPS)

And in Geneva several months ago a letter and stamp dating from 1845 were sold for one million dollars, a record price for a philatelic item. The letter was a love note to a woman in Richmond, Virginia and was known as the "Blue Boy" after the blue-inked stamp on it. Dealers said these records were indicative of a more general

price recovery.

Stanley Gibbons' sample portfolio, which was assembled last year priced at \$10,990, increased in value to \$13,255 this year, a rise of just over 20 percent. However, another portfolio put together in 1979 rose only seven percent last year after 20 percent the year before.

Disaster aid built retirement homes

Italy cites its efficiency; upkeep is a burden

By Louis B. Fleming

MAIANO, Italy (I.A.T.) — Driven by disaster, Italy is taking a new look at ways to care for its old people, and an American aid program here in the Friuli region could be a model for the future.

All this was an impossible dream before an earthquake devastated this northeast corner of the nation five years ago. After the quake, officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) surveyed the area with an eye to where American assistance should be concentrated. They came up with a proposal that was novel to the Americans as well as the Italians: To build schools plus housing for the elderly.

"People were perplexed by the idea," said Luciano De Sabbata, Commissioner for Public Works here. Italy is proud of its sense of family responsibility and the thought of institutional care for all but the dying shocked many people. But they were ignoring a new reality: An increasing number of Italian families no longer have the facilities to care for aged relatives.

Most of the apartments being built today "have no space for a grandmother or a grandfather," one official here said. And that is even more evident in the crowded big cities.

Homes Gain Acceptance
Today, with four of seven new American-financed homes for the aged in operation in the Friuli region, there is a different view of such institutions.

"We are the envy of our communities," Luciana Mora, director of the center here, said. "I have had a number of marriage proposals but I am not leaving my new paradise." Felicitia Zilli, a widow and the first resident of the center in San Daniele Del Friuli, said with a mischievous smile.

Now the American aid program is being studied as a model for other areas of Italy and it is having an influence on the remodeling of homes for the aged. But there are problems.

"The mentality of the old people still is to stay in the family," Igna De Monte, vice mayor of Maiano, acknowledged. "Often of

course that possibility does not exist."

But once they see the new centers, "their resistance crumbles," said Claudia Furlan, social services commissioner here. Then, however, financial restraints enter into the picture.

No Italian region or town has the money to duplicate what at the U.S. aid program built here. The seven centers in the Friuli region were contracted at an average cost of \$2 million each to provide facilities for up to 100 people.

Operational Funds Unavailable
Now the Italians are having trouble finding the money to operate and maintain the centers even though the efficient facilities can be run for an average of \$300 a month per resident, scarcely half the cost in a private facility.

The financial problem may be reflected in the planning of American assistance for the latest Italian disaster, the earthquake that struck near Naples last November.

The \$53-million U.S.-aid program after the 1976 Friuli earthquake is buying 14 schools and seven homes for the aged. The \$30-million U.S. aid program after the 1980 earthquake is buying 12 schools and no homes for the aged, although private American voluntary agencies are giving serious consideration to financing day centers and some residential facilities for the aged in that region.

American aid has gone to Italy under special provisions for major natural disasters, not because Italy qualifies for economic development assistance. In both cases, the action was pushed by the White House under Presidents Ford and Carter and by congress with leadership from the Italo-American members. Both the White House and congress cited the importance of the response to urgent need on the part of a trusted ally.

The money pinch here is inspiring uses of the American facilities that were not imagined when the blueprints were drawn.

Open Center Successful
At the center in San Daniele, the town

government has provided multiple activities to make life livelier for the residents and the budget more bearable for the taxpayers.

"What is new is that this is an open center, a part of the community," Daniela Adams, a member of the administrative board, said. "Young people are encouraged to join in the activities to avoid the kind of isolation that old people have suffered in the old homes for the aged."

Cost Efficiency Important

The center's modern kitchen is made more cost-efficient by using it for food services beyond the feeding of the residents. One dining room feeds workers from nearby projects and hot food from the kitchen is distributed by truck to 50 aged persons still in private dwellings. At the center here in Maiano, the kitchen supplies food for a community school nearby as well as for the residents who do not have their own kitchens. Still, an American official said, "there have been growing pains."

The center at San Daniele is at capacity, with 75 residents and a waiting list, but the center here has only 20 residents and room for 29 more. The original eligibility rules proved too limited. "We will be full by December," one official said.

Part of the problem is experience. San Daniele had a home for the aged and some trained personnel but Maiano previously had no such facility.

Bureaucratic Problems
Another part of the problem is bureaucratic. Only this year was legislation enacted clarifying the authority of local communities in this region to manage the centers with financing from the regional government, which is organized like an American state government.

Maiano suffered more than most towns in the quake that struck just after 9 p.m. on May 6, 1976, with an intensity of 6.4 on the Richter scale. Of the town's 5,000 residents, 131 died in the ruins of their homes. Ninety percent of the town was destroyed.

Repairs are still under way on shops across

from the town hall but most people now have permanent homes after the painful years in barracks. But many of the aged would not have permanent homes without the facility provided by U.S. aid.

Felicitia Zilli and her neighbors in the center at San Daniele insist that they are rejuvenated now that they live in the home. Zilli lost her home in the quake and, two years later her husband. She spent the intervening years with a daughter in Switzerland and finally in one of the emergency barracks near here.

"I'm very content," she said surveying her flowering garden. "We are all made younger."

"I have lost 20 years," a neighbor interjected with a laugh.

They have both been in the center more than a year. Each occupies a two-room apartment with efficiency kitchens, terrace and garden. About 25 percent of the residents have such apartments. The others occupy single or double bedrooms and eat in a central dining room.

Each town sets its own admission standards and establishes a sliding scale for rents based on income, with priority to the poor. About 98 percent of the residents are over 60. The others are people with unusual problems or needs, including some handicapped people.

The rent for those on social security, which pays about \$155 a month, is \$45 a month at the center here. The residents keep the balance of their pension for personal expenses. Those with additional pensions or other income pay on a sliding scale. None of the centers has accepted any higher-income people able to pay the full cost because there are private facilities available to them.

The U.S. government supervised design and construction of the facilities and still maintain an administrative office at Pordenone, in the Friuli region, as the last projects are completed.

Now officials in the Italian communities face the reality that there is little likelihood of finding additional funds for more such facilities.

Matrimony to unite two royal families

By Graham Heathcote

LONDON, (AP) — When Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer marry in St. Paul's Cathedral this month, they will bring together families with a long and sometimes checkered past. The houses of Windsor and Spencer both trace their family through King Henry VII who took the throne after defeating Richard III in 1485, and Charles and Diana are 16th cousins, once removed.

Both families share connections with George Washington, the first president of the United States. The Spencers are also related to Sir Winston Churchill's family, and Diana is descended five times from the merry monarch Charles II, who left no lawful heirs but many illegitimate offspring.

Both the Windsors, the family began with Queen Victoria in 1837, and the Spencers have known scandal and controversy in recent years. Diana gains a sister-in-law in Princess Anne who regularly finishes last in the royalty popularity stakes because of her stormy personality.

Charles must expect to see his relations frequently in the headlines — his in-laws

include Barara Cartland, the bestselling romantic novelist and media star.

The most tumultuous event in either family this century came in 1936 when the survival of the British monarchy itself was jeopardized by the abdication of King Edward VIII — the present queen's uncle, later the Duke of Windsor — who left the throne to marry twice-divorced American Wallis Simpson.

The 85-year-old Duchess of Windsor was snubbed by the royal family and is now bedridden at her Paris home and will not be at the wedding. The queen's sister, Princess Margaret, who broke centuries of tradition in 1978 by divorcing her husband, Lord Snowdon, will have an honored place in the carriage procession. In 1956 she was pressured into giving up the great love of her life, dashing group Capt. Peter Townsend, because he was divorced.

After the July 29 ceremony, Queen Elizabeth II will even go to St. Paul's accompanied by another divorced man — bride's father Lord Spencer. He split with Lady Diana's mother, Frances, in 1969.

Diana's mother will ride in the procession alongside the bridegroom's father.

Islam conquers Makkah

By Adil Salahi

This week we commemorate one of the greatest events in the early period of Islam, that is, the conquest of Makkah by Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him). The event took place less than eight years after he had to leave Makkah on a night when eleven would-be assassins encircled his home awaiting his going to sleep to carry out the plot all Makkah, with the exception of the Prophet's own clan, had approved. To return barely eight years later and take over the city with the minimum of fighting is an achievement which ranks among the greatest in world history.

The conquest of Makkah was indeed the peak of the process of change which overtook Arabia and transformed the Arabs from warring and illiterate tribes into a nation carrying the message of light, peace and knowledge to the whole world.

The balance of power in Arabia began to move steadily away from Quraysh with its humiliating defeat at Badr, its first major battle against the newly formed Islamic state in Medina. Three years later, i.e. five years after the Prophet's immigration to Medina, the balance of power shifted irrevocably in favor of the Muslims after the collapse of its master plan to exterminate Islam and the Muslims with the collaboration of the Jews in Medina.

A peace treaty was worked out the following year between the two parties, which was to last for ten years.

One of the main conditions of the peace treaty was that any Arabian tribe who wished to enter into an alliance with either party might do so. Such an alliance would ensure the extension or terms of the peace treaty to that tribe. Many Arab tribes concluded such an alliance with the two parties. The Bakr tribe became allies to Quraysh while Khuza'ah were allied to the Prophet, the Makkans, however, did not respect their covenant. Indeed it was Bakr who violated the treaty by launching an unprovoked attack against Khuza'ah. The attack took place at dawn when the Muslims of the tribe were offering their prayers. A number of men from Quraysh lent a helping hand to Bakr in their treacherous attack. Hence Khuza'ah appealed to the Prophet for help. He did not

hesitate to give it.

Realizing the gravity of their crime, Quraysh felt that the Prophet and the Muslims would soon retaliate. Abu Sufian, the chief of Makkah, set out straight to Medina in an effort to consolidate the peace treaty. The Prophet and his senior companions refused even to talk to him. He had to return empty handed.

The Prophet called upon his followers to march to Makkah. All the tribes responded with enthusiasm. His army was 10,000 strong. As they encamped in a place near to Makkah Abu Sufian, who went out seeking intelligence of the Prophet's moves, was taken to the Prophet by his uncle, Al-Ahhas. In that meeting he renounced the faith of idol worship and embraced Islam. He was then sent to Makkah with a message of peace:

He who stays in the Ka'aba is safe; and he who keeps in doors is safe; and he who stays in Abu Sufian's home is safe.

No revenge was sought. Islam remains a message of peace.

The Makkans realized that they were not a match for the Muslim and they had to surrender. There were one or two skirmishes: when a group of unwise Makkans thought they could put up some resistance, but they had to abandon their attempt soon.

The Prophet's army entered Makkah from its three main approaches. On his camel, the Prophet bowed as much as he could, showing his gratitude to Allah for His grace. He went directly to the Ka'aba to offer his thanks to Allah.

When he had settled in Makkah he asked its people: "What do you think I am going to do with you?" They said: "Only goodness comes from you; you are a noble brother to us and the son of a noble brother." He said: "You are free to do what you wish!"

Thus the conquest of Makkah was completed. It was the starting point for the spread of Islam to the rest of Arabia. There was only one more clash with the disbelievers before they surrendered completely. Makkah was to remain the castle of Islam ever since that blessed day which we commemorate this week and every year, to the end of time.

Czechoslovakia owns some of Hamburg's port

By Charles Dick

HAMBURG, (R) — In Hamburg's bustling harbor there is a little piece of Czechoslovakia. It is a historical oddity which highlights the city's status as one of eastern Europe's most important ports in the West. The small patch of territory, unfenced and without frontier guards, went to Czechoslovakia by treaty after World War I under a 99-year lease.

The enclave is used as a dock, called the Saalehafen, and is run by the Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Shipping Company. Its existence underlines the importance of Hamburg for land-locked Czechoslovakia, as goods can be transported cheaply by barge from the port southward up the Elbe and Vitava rivers to Prague.

East European members of the Communist economic groups made greater use of Hamburg as a transit port last year than ever before, with Czechoslovakia second on the list. East Germany came first with 5.6 million tons of goods — considerably more than Czechoslovakia.

Port authorities and east European shippers say the trend is continuing, helped by Hamburg's position as the furthest east of the main north sea trading ports and the European continent's biggest port.

Of the nearly 17 million tons of transit goods handled by Hamburg last year, East Germany had the lion's share. Because of its size and access to the Baltic through the Kiel Canal, Hamburg has become East Germany's most important commercial sea port. East German traffic through Hamburg increased by about 50 percent last year from 1979.

Hamburg authorities say they expect East Germany to continue to send most of its shipped imports and exports overland via Hamburg, even after the planned extension of its northern Baltic port of Rostock.

Czechoslovakia was Hamburg's second largest transit customer last year with 3.1 million tons. Austria is the biggest western foreign user of the port with 2.3 million tons. "We see the trend of Czechoslovakia's increasing use of Hamburg as continuing," a Hamburg spokesman for the Czechoslovak Export-Import Company Czechofracht said.

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Noah stretched by Prajoux

Clerc drops set on way to title

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, July 22 (AP) — Top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc overcame a sputtering start and won the 54th U.S. Pro Tennis Championship Tuesday with a 6-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Hans Gildemeister of Chile in the \$175,000 rain-delayed tournament at Longwood.

Clerc, a beaten semifinalist here a year ago, barely went through the motions as his backhand failed him in the opening set and Gildemeister swept six consecutive games. The championship match was rained out Monday.

However, the 22-year-old winner of the Italian open earlier this year, began to come alive in the final game of the opening set. He lost his service in that game, but forced the action to deuce five times.

Clerc took command at the start of the second set, breaking Gildemeister in the first game. Dripping wet while playing under a blistering sun, Clerc continued his dominance in the third set by breaking Gildemeister in the first and seventh games. Clerc allowed only three points on his service until he held

at deuce in the eighth and final game, which wrapped up the 1 hour, 40 minute match.

The victory was worth \$28,000 to Clerc. Gildemeister, who had been seeded 13th in the tournament, collected \$14,000.

In a rain-delayed match completed under the lights, Raul Ramirez of Mexico and Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia won the doubles championship by defeating the top-seeded tandem of Gildemeister and Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). Ramirez and Slozil, seeded second, shared \$10,800. Gildemeister and Gomez split \$5,280.

In the Washington Star International, number eight seed Yannick Noah of France outlasted Chile's Belus Prajoux 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Noah, who started slowly, ran down a number of shots in the second and third set. On one memorable return, Noah left his feet and stretched the length of his body to put away a stunned Prajoux.

The victory completed a return to normalcy after a series of first-round upsets on Monday.

Earlier Tuesday, fifth-seed Harold Solomon fought the nearly 100 degree temperature and humidity to defeat Chile's Jaime Fillol, 6-4, 6-3. Solomon was given one of five wild card berths in the championships. Eliot Teltscher, the No. 7 seed, coasted to victory over left-handed Australian Brad Drewett, 6-1, 6-2.

In one of the hardest fought of the top matches Tuesday, Victory Pecci, the No. 6 seed, overcame a first set loss to defeat Van Winitzky, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Eddie Dibbs, seeded tenth, easily knocked off Steve Krulwitz, 6-0, 6-1 in a match that was briefly interrupted by rain.

Teltscher said he tried not to think about the favorites that went down to defeat Monday and what might be in store for him. "If I started thinking about that then I'll lose too. I just go out and play my game. I make one match at a time," he said. "I can't worry about the other guy."

Pecci, Paraguay's top tennis professional, agreed. "You can't look at who is in your draw in the tournament. If you are going to win you know you are going to have to beat a lot of good players."

Teltscher said he was not surprised that players like Mayer and Gottfried were beaten in the first round. "It's the old story. There are just so many good players out there now," Teltscher explained. Teltscher employed pinpoint passing shots, set up by near-flawless returns of serve, to eliminate Drewett.

Among the few all-American matches played so far in the championship, Bill Scanlon was defeated by 17-year-old Jimmy Arias, 6-2, 6-4 and Vince Van Patten, son of actor Dick Van Patten, beat Scott Davis 6-4, 6-3.

Also Tuesday, Spain's Jose Higuera, seeded No. 11, swept past South African Dean Joubert 6-0, 6-1. Yugoslavian Marco Ostojic beat Jim Delaney, of nearby Potomac, Maryland, 6-4, 6-2.

Mal Anderson beat Frank Sedgman, 7-5, 6-2 to capture the \$20,000 Grand Masters tournament Tuesday, played in conjunction with the Washington Star International.

Anderson, 46, used a strong serve-and-volley game to defeat 53-year-old Sedgman's solid ground strokes. By winning the tournament, Anderson's solid ground strokes. By winning the tournament, Anderson, the newest member of the Grand Masters' tour, takes home \$4,500. Sedgman won \$3,500.

For U.S. clay court tourney

Evert-Lloyd doubtful starter

INDIANAPOLIS, July 22 (AP) — Chris Evert-Lloyd may still defend her women's title in the U.S. Open Clay Court Championships, but Wimbledon king John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors are unlikely entries in the men's tournament, said tournament director Stan Malles.

"I can't give an answer on Chris," said Malles Tuesday at a news conference concerning the Aug. 3-9 tournament. "I talked to her Monday and she still had not decided if she'll participate."

Malles said he offered a wild card invitation to John Lloyd in an effort to insure that his wife would return to try and become the tournament's first seven-time champion.

"I'm allowed five wild cards in the men's draw, but John wasn't sure he'd take one, Malles said. "He isn't rated high enough to receive an automatic entry, so most either receive a wild card bid or fight his way through the qualifying tournament."

However, you're only allowed four wild cards a year and John has already used three. He might like to save the last one for the U.S. Open. Malles said Lloyd might elect to participate in another tournament scheduled at the same time in Columbus, Ohio. He would

not have to be a wild card entry there.

"Chris has decided she only wants to play a limited amount of tennis and wants to spend time with her husband," said Malles. "She's always enjoyed coming here, our night stay away. She wants to help John win his game, so we might not have her this year."

The winner of the men's singles title will receive \$32,000 from the \$350,000 purse with the women's champion receiving \$27,500.

Malles says he's satisfied the 64 men and 56 women participating will provide fans at the Indianapolis Sports Center with outstanding tennis.

Defending champion Jose-Luis Clerc and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl top the list of men's entries. Others scheduled to participate include 1979 runner-up Guillermo Vilas of Argentina and a strong American group headed by Harold Solomon, Vitas Gerulaitis, Eddie Dibbs and Mel Purcell.

"This will be a very important tournament for Purcell," said Malles. "Last year, he came out of nowhere to finish second here and he'll need a good finish to maintain his current high international ranking."



STRETCHES: Top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc stretches across the court to smash a Gildemeister return in his 6-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory in the U.S. Pro Tennis Championship final Tuesday.

FIDE meet put off

ATLANTA, July 22 (AP) — Leaders of the world chess federation worked behind the scenes Tuesday trying to solve a controversy that has postponed the world championship match between champion Anatole Karpov of the Soviet Union and Victor Korchnoi, a Russian defector.

The federation's executive committee was to have met Tuesday night to consider endorsing a one-month postponement of the championship. But the meeting was delayed 24 hours to allow behind-the-scenes negotiations with the Russians and to give all 10 members of the committee a chance to get to the meeting.

Fredrik Olafsson, president of the federation, known as FIDE, postponed the match in June in an attempt to pressure the Soviet Union to release Korchnoi's family. The Russian delegation protested Olafsson's decision and brought the matter before the executive committee.

Olafsson confirmed negotiations were going on Tuesday night, but he also said the Tunisian delegate to the executive committee had not arrived for the meeting. He said the federation did not know where the delegate was.

Alan Brodbeck of Switzerland, Korchnoi's attorney, said he agreed with postponing the meeting.

As Jackman strikes deadly Surrey inflicts season's first defeat on Hampshire

LONDON, July 22 (AP) — Robin Jackman, Surrey medium pacer, took five wickets for 30 at Portsmouth Tuesday and led his team to a 130 runs victory over Hampshire, the English County Cricket Championship leader.

It was Hampshire's first defeat of the season. Hampshire were hit by injuries. One man was unable to bat and two others batted with difficulty as the team set out to make 222 to win. Sylvester Carke, Barbadian fast bowler, struck quickly by dismissing his fellow West Indian Gordon Greenidge.

Jackman joined the act later and ran through the Hampshire tail. The last four wickets fell without a run being scored.

Kevin Jarvis, tall pace bowler, completed match figures of 11 wickets for 147 and helped Kent to an exciting win over Leicestershire by 11 runs at Leicester.

Leicestershire, set to make 176 for victory, lost half their wickets for 40. South African Mike Graham then hit an aggressive 74 and came within sight of winning the match, but after he was caught off Derek Underwood it ended quickly.

Wilfred Slack, 26-year-old left-hander, hit 248 not out for Middlesex against Worcestershire in a drawn match at Lords'.

Summarized scores: At Portsmouth, Surrey defeated Hampshire by 130 runs. Surrey 204 and 164. Hampshire 164 and 91 (Robin Jackman 5 for 30). At Leicestershire 266 and 166 (Kevin Jarvis 4 for 69).

At Lord's, Middlesex 108 and 444 for 7 declared (Wilfred Slack 248 not out). Worcestershire 345 and 103 for 4, drawn. At Taunton, Somerset 335 for 8 declared, and 337 for 3 declared (Viv Richards 130). Derbyshire 495 for 7 declared, drawn.

At Southend, Essex 308. Lancashire 111 and 245 for 7, drawn. At Bristol, Gloucestershire 421 for 9 declared and 24 for 6 declared. Glamorgan 379 for 3 declared and 113 for 1, drawn.

At Hove, Sussex defeated Warwickshire by 5 wickets. Warwickshire 249 and 126. Sussex 208 and 169 for 5. At Nottingham, Nottinghamshire defeated Yorkshire by 8 wickets. Yorkshire 104 and 364 (Stuart Hartley 106). Nottinghamshire 354 and 115 for 2.

Willis, Botham hit out at media

LEEDS, England, July 22 (AFP) — England captain Mike Brearley paid rich tribute to his twin heroes, Ian Botham and Bob Willis after England turned the tables on Australia to snatch a most astonishing Test victory in this century Monday.

The reinstated captain said after the match, "Ian Botham's was the most marvellous innings I've ever seen." Of Bob Willis' match-winning bowling performance, he said, "if you get your tail up on that wicket then it's jolly hard to bat and Bob Willis bowled an inspired spell."

"It was like the Willis of two years ago. What an achievement. He had an operation in the winter and nobody thought he would play for England again. Now he's got eight for nothing here."

Kim Hughes bravely appeared to say, "we were very, very disappointed, but I thought England played very well and deserved their victory. The great thing was that people enjoyed the same and it was good cricket."

Hughes believed luck had played a big part, and admitted it had helped put Australia on top at first. "In our first innings, the batsmen played and missed a lot, and luck

went our way. In the second, the first ball we played and missed we got a nick. That's the way the game goes."

Both Willis attacked the media after the match. "It was an enjoyable performance. We have had a bit of adverse publicity as a side so I'm pleased we came out and won."

About the match, he said, "it was not a great wicket to bat on and thank's to Ian's magnificent contribution, we had something to bowl at. It was always going to be a struggle batting out there."

Ian Botham also hit out at England's critics, first saying that Bob Willis proved them wrong. "After they had tried to write him off — it was tremendous, a magnificent piece of bowling."

The former captain also had hard words for the cricket writers, commenting, "I've said all along that this Australian side had been written off by the press before they had even arrived, that was ludicrous because they're a good side."

"We were written off the other night weren't we? 'bottom of the barrel' England, or something, wasn't it?' was Botham's sour conclusion."

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Nadia Comaneci excels

U.S. swimmer sets new mark

BUCHAREST, July 22 (Agencies) — Nick Nevid of the United States and China's Shao He, set new marks on the opening morning of the swimming events in the World University Games Wednesday.

After the second day of competition, the Romanians had collected four gold medals, all in gymnastics, the Soviet Union had three and the Americans and Chinese one each.

Eleven nations entered the water polo competition, divided into two groups with top three finishers in each group qualifying for the final league to decide the 1-6 places.

American athletes off to flying start

BUCHAREST, Romania, July 22 (AP) — Mike Carter won the first track and field gold medal at the World University Games Tuesday as the strong American team got off to a flying start.

line. No times were awarded after a system failure. Carter's winning effort in the shot was more than a meter outside his best distance this season, and the Dallas, Texas, resident joked: "I may have won the gold medal but that was one of my worst performances of the year."

his heat but still qualified. Pall Palfy of Romania won the heat in 13.91, from Romuald Giesiel of Romania (14.14) and Campbell (14.17).

Carter, a hefty 20-year-old from Southern Methodist University, won the shot put final with a breeze of 20.19 meters and a number of other Americans, including sprinter Mel Latany and hurdler David Lee, recorded fast times in qualifying competition.

Carter said competing in eastern Europe for the last two weeks had affected his power. "We have been told not to drink the water, so I feel dehydrated," he said. "I haven't been eating right. I've been getting no nutrition. All I've been doing is training. I'm looking forward to going home."

Blond haired Italian Gabriella Dorio was the fastest semifinal winner in the women's 1500 meters, winning in 4:16.00, but it was the Americans who dominated the women's 100 meter semifinals.

Springboks score unimpressive win

Anti-apartheid protests escalate

GISBORNE, New Zealand, July 22 (AP) — New Zealand police Tuesday arrested 43 persons, ordered a suspicious plane to land and warned that a helicopter might spray tear gas over a football field as protests mounted against the South African rugby tour.

Sunday morning on a two-month, bitterly-disputed tour of New Zealand.

to the Bahamas because of the tour. New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon, reacting to the decision Tuesday issued a statement saying he would not attend the meeting in the Bahamas.

In a series of incidents in this remote east coast town on New Zealand's north island, anti-apartheid demonstrators drove a small truck onto the football field where the South Africans were to play their first match and scattered broken glass on the ground.

Seventy one persons have been arrested since their arrival. But no one has been injured. A senior police officer, chief superintendent Brian Burrows said Tuesday.

Anti-apartheid organizers in Gisborne Tuesday night paraded outside the police cells where their colleagues were being held, chanting slogans in South African tribal language. They are answered by similar chants from the cells.

Thirty-eight anti-tour protesters were arrested shortly before midnight for blowing whistles and chanting outside the hotel where the South Africans are staying. Those arrested for disturbing the midnight peace joined five others in the Gisborne jail, who had been arrested earlier in the day for scattering glass in the rugby field.

The latest public opinion poll issued Friday showed 53.7 percent of New Zealanders opposed the tour and 33.4 percent supported it.

"It is going to get ugly," said David Williams, 35, senior lecturer in law at Auckland University, who was arrested and released on bail earlier in the day for running onto the football field while the Springboks were training.

The South African team, known as the Springboks has been the subject of noisy but peaceful demonstrations since their arrival

As well as dividing the country, the South African tour has caused a split in the British Commonwealth, and raised the prospect of an African boycott of the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Australia and the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, because they will play three matches in America on their way home.

Meanwhile the Springboks scored an unconvincing 24-6 victory over Poverty Bay in their opening match.

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Boomers get past Surf

CALGARY, Canada, July 22 (AP) — Forward Franz Gerber scored a brace, including the winning goal, as the Calgary Boomers edged the California Surf 3-2 in the North American Soccer League Tuesday.

The 27-year-old Striker, who now has 13 goals in 18 matches, netted the game winner with a header at 77:30. California had tied the score through ex-Boomer Charlie Cooke's header 13 minutes earlier.

Avelar, Tae-shik bout postponed

SEOUL, South Korea, July 22 (AP) — A World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title match between champion Antonio Avelar of Mexico and South Korean challenger Kim Tae-shik has been postponed, the Korea Boxing Commission said Wednesday.

A KBC spokesman said the date had to be reset because of an injury the Mexican champ recently sustained in his right hand while training.

KAAA bans Kiprotich Rono

NAIROBI, July 22 (AP) — The Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) has slapped an indefinite ban on Kiprotich Rono, the international 3,000 meters steeplechase and 5,000 meters runner, according to the Standard newspaper Wednesday.

Robert Ouko, the paper said that Rono's ban had been precipitated by his leaving the country to compete in races outside Kenya without the authority of the association.

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SO WOULD I, MATE, IN THE MEANTIME...

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WHAT BAIT ARE YOU USING?

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WANT TO PLAY SOME RACQUETBALL, SARGE?

NAA... HANDBALL GIVES YOU MORE OF A WORKOUT AND...

OH, YEAH?! DID YOU EVER PLAY RACQUETBALL, TUBBY?!

DID YOU EVER PLAY HANDBALL, YOU HAIRBALL?!

NOW THAT WAS A WORKOUT!

WELL, LET'S SEE...

SHRIMP COCKTAIL, CHICKEN SOUP, DUMPLINGS, STEAK AND MUSHROOM GRAVY, CHERRY PIE WITH ICE CREAM, AND COFFEE

NOPE... WE'RE HAVING LEFTOVER WEENIES AND BEANS

I NEVER WAS GOOD AT GUESSING GAMES!

B.C.

Dear Fat Broad,

what can I do to keep my wife from going out on me?!

STICK HER BIG TOE IN A LIGHT SOCKET.

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HAGAR

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SMALL SOCIETY

HOO-BOY! NOW I KNOW WHAT INFLATION IS -

THE BUCK DOESN'T STOP ANYWHERE -

WIZARD

THIS IS THE THIRD THREAT ON MY LIFE THIS WEEK!

I SUGGEST YOU KEEP A LOW PROFILE

NOW WHAT DID I SAY?

SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

KEYS TO SMASH

1. TURN SIDWAYS.

2. BRING PADDLE BACK IMMEDIATELY INTO HITTING POSITION.

3. STROKE BALL DECISIVELY -- MOST OVERHEAD ERRORS ARE THE RESULT OF TENTATIVENESS, NOT POOR TECHNIQUE.

4. GO FOR DEPTH TO PREVENT COMMON ERROR OF NETTING BALL.

DENNIS the MENACE

BE REAL CAREFUL WILL YA, MR. WILSON? JOEY HERE CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

A Question of Probabilities

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ A K 8 7 6
 ♣ Q 5

WEST
 ♠ 10 3
 ♥ K 9 4 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ J 10 9 7 2

EAST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ J 10 8
 ♦ Q 10 9 3
 ♣ 8 6 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q J 8 5
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ A 2
 ♣ A K

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
 3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass
 6♣

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Basically, bridge is a game of percentages. You do well if you follow the odds; you don't if you don't!

Let's say you're declarer at six spades and West leads the jack of clubs. You win with the ace and draw two rounds of trumps, finding them divided 2-2. Now you must decide which of three lines of play to adopt.

Perhaps the simplest method is to lead a diamond to the king and play a heart to

Your Individual Horoscope

— Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 A good time to begin a diet. New self-assurance marks your approach to life. A willingness to work hard helps you capitalize on luck.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Financial moves succeed, if kept confidential. Enjoy new work opportunities. Don't let restlessness interfere with accomplishment.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Old friends come to your aid. Romance is fascinating, but it's not without surprises. Social life picks up towards nightfall.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 A career opportunity is challenging. Rise to the occasion and show your stuff. Unexpected guests may drop by. Meditation helps.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Avoid mix-ups regarding appointments. Friends want you to accompany them on a trip. Social life brings benefits from others.

PISCES
 (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 The personal touch helps you out in your career. Despite some concern about finances, new opportunities arise. Establish credit now.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 That's rich!
 5 Rowan tree
 8 Spirit
 9 Bloom
 13 Ethereal
 14 "Our Gang" character
 15 Palindromic parent
 16 Skin bene
 17 Quiet!
 18 Exacting
 20 Hovel
 21 Show the door
 22 — Harbor, Guam
 23 Northern spy, for one
 25 "Bananas" star
 26 Metalware
 27 Acclivity
 28 Uno, due, —
 29 Cry over
 31 Zeta's follower
 32 Am. humorist
 33 Implant
 35 Smuggle up
 37 Baseball's Marquard
 38 Simply divine
 39 Russian city
 40 New York city
 41 Let know

DOWN

1 Become chief-
 2 Assumed name
 3 Finicky
 4 "Have we character — choice?"
 5 Feign
 6 Misrepresent
 7 Jordanian mountain
 8 Cole after
 9 Dynamite inventor
 10 "Darling, Je Vous — Beau coup"
 11 Furniture style
 12 Scholarly
 13 Precept
 14 Whiskey (sl.)
 15 Decay
 16 Ditto
 17 Look after weather
 18 Cole after
 19 Dynamite inventor
 20 "Darling, Je Vous — Beau coup"
 21 Furniture style
 22 Scholarly
 23 Precept
 24 Whiskey (sl.)
 25 Decay

Yesterday's Answer

29 Milk, as the weather
 30 Dynamite inventor
 31 Favorably
 32 Coal derivative
 33 Decay

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAXE
 is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

ECYWEC AXF KNH DUZ, FDC
 ECYWHWXA TNEC YNA ACSCK LC
 KCYNUUCE. — D. P. UXAOICUXP

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MEN, LIKE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SEEM MADE TO BE PLAYED UPON.—G.N. BOVÉE

Believe It or Not!

OIL OF GARLIC
 DOES HELP TO RID THE BLOODSTREAM OF TOXINS BUT IT HAS ONLY ABOUT 1/10 THE STRENGTH OF PENICILLIN

WRITING INKS
 WERE FIRST USED IN ANCIENT CHINA AND EGYPT IN ABOUT 2500 BC.

THE GIANT BLUE MARLIN
 TO EXPEL FOREIGN OBJECTS, CAN EJECT ITS STOMACH OUTSIDE ITS MOUTH, INSIDE OUT, AND THEN SWALLOW IT AGAIN! — Submitted by Captain Te Sado French, Iwona, Hawaii

arab news CALENDAR

TIME	PROGRAM	TIME	PROGRAM	TIME	PROGRAM	TIME	PROGRAM
8:00	News Roundup	11:00	VOC Magazine	18:00	Section Francaise Hebdomadaire	19:00	Radio Pakistan
8:30	Destination	11:30	World News	18:30	Section Francaise Hebdomadaire	19:30	Radio Pakistan
9:00	News Summary	12:00	World News	19:00	Section Francaise Hebdomadaire	20:00	Radio Pakistan
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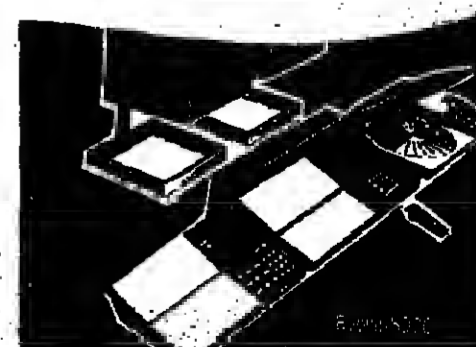
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Hundreds killed in Afghan clashes

ISLAMABAD, July 22 (Agencies) — Hundreds of people have been killed in the biggest clash between Mujahideen (freedom fighters) and security forces in Afghanistan since the Soviet armed intervention late in 1979. Western diplomats here said Wednesday.

Soviet and Afghan troops withdrew on July 15 after a three-day battle in the Paghman region, some 28 kms northwest of the capital city of Kabul, the sources said. The outcome of the fighting was unclear, but when security forces pulled back after razing a number of villages the fighters regrouped in nearby hills with Muslim supporters from neighboring provinces.

Reliable eyewitnesses quoted by the diplomats reported seeing the bodies of hundreds of villagers piled up awaiting identification. According to some eyewitness accounts, between 50 and 100 fighters were killed, while several hundred Soviet and Afghan troops were killed or wounded.

The bodies of 70 cadets from the Kabul Military Academy killed in the clash were taken back to the capital. Dozens of Soviet tanks and trucks were destroyed and at least two helicopters were downed, according to a source quoted by the diplomats.

Afghan television reported the cadets' deaths, calling them "heroic martyrs who did their duty." Some 200 other cadets joined forces with the fighters at Paghman and were taken into the hills with them, according to the diplomatic sources.

Angry relatives of dead cadets invaded the 400-bed military hospital in Kabul, accusing army chiefs of having sent inexperienced youths into a "massacre" instead of deploying seasoned troops, the diplomats said.

The cadets were drafted into the Paghman region in an effort to wrest control of a Mujahideen-held area dangerously close to the capital, the sources said. Villagers in the battle area were given advance warning to quit.

The diplomats said a 300-cadet unit from the Military Academy was ambushed near the village of Darah on July 13. The fighters using loudspeakers told them to lay down their arms and 100 of them who refused were immediately cut down, the reports said. The following morning a Soviet-Afghan column of several hundred vehicles backed by helicopter gunships and MiG jets invaded Paghman. The helicopters and MiGs systematically bombarded the region, where the freedom fighters have camped for several months, and even opened fire on isolated buildings, the sources said. Infantry moved in to take control of the devastated areas and killed numerous civilians hiding in the ruins of their houses or in cellars.

An Afghan source was quoted as saying the Mujahideen forces put up a strong fight. They had decimated a Soviet commando which was airlifted to the battle scene, and on July 14 the helicopters had been forced back by anti-aircraft fire.

However, fighting continued during the afternoon of the 14th and government troops regrouped overnight in two camps, one of which was attacked by the freedom fighters. Clashes resumed the following day, according to a witness who said he saw a Soviet commando post in action near the Garga dam north of Kabul.

The government troops apparently had the situation in hand when, according to sources in Kabul, the fighters were joined by reinforcements from Wardack and Bamyan provinces which allowed them to recapture the combat zone.

The Red Cross has quietly opened the first hospital in Pakistan solely for the treatment of people wounded by the fighting in neighboring Afghanistan. The hospital, in a back street of Peshawar about 55 kms from the Afghanistan border, has treated the overwhelming majority of wounded soldiers and civilians who have crossed the border over the past five weeks.

King Juan Carlos to boycott Charles' wedding

LONDON, July 22 (Agencies) — King Juan Carlos of Spain and his wife, Queen Sofia have decided not to attend next week's wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, Buckingham Palace has announced.

No official reason was given Tuesday night, but the king was believed to be angry over the royal couple's decision to stay at the British colony of Gibraltar before embarking on a honeymoon cruise in the Mediterranean Sea.

Gibraltar, located at the western entrance to the Mediterranean, has been a British colony since a joint Dutch-British force seized it from Spain in 1704. The Spanish, however, continue to claim sovereignty although it was ceded to Britain under the 1713 treaty of Utrecht.

Charles and Diana are to spend the first two days of their honeymoon at Broadlands, the royal estate in Hampshire, England, then travel to Gibraltar, where they will board the royal yacht *Briannia*.

"We have been notified that the Spanish King and Queen will not be attending the wedding," said the Buckingham Palace spokesman, who declined to be identified. The spokesman would not say when or how the notification had been made.

Asked whether Prince Charles and Lady Diana were aware that by visiting Gibraltar, they might be causing a diplomatic flap, the spokesman said, "as always, when members of the royal family travel overseas, the Foreign Office is consulted. But the nature of (its) advice has to remain confidential."

A Foreign Office spokesman said there were "exchanges" with Spain on the subject, "but the nature of these exchanges is confidential."

Other British officials, who asked not to be identified, said Spanish authorities suggested alternative honeymoon plans that would have avoided Gibraltar. The British officials said they pointed out to the Spanish that the royal couple's stay on Gibraltar would be a brief one and would not be a state visit, but the Spanish were not mollified.

The British occupation of Gibraltar was ratified by Spain in the 1713 treaty of Utrecht and the 1729 treaty of Seville. But in June of 1779, during the American revolution, the Spanish attacked and laid siege to the colony with varying degrees of effectiveness for the next four years.

In the fall and winter of 1782, the British broke the siege, and in February 1783, the Spanish withdrew. The 1783 treaty of Versailles reconfirmed British sovereignty. Only last week, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and his Spanish counterpart, Marcelino Oreja Aguirre, met in Brussels and discussed the prospects for settling the Gibraltar dispute.

In Madrid, a reliable source said Spanish authorities believe the Gibraltar honey-

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moon plans are a "calculated political act" by Britain. Spain made several behind-the-scenes protests to Britain when it learned that the royal couple planned starting their Mediterranean honeymoon at Gibraltar, the source said.

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Britons favor queen making way for son

LONDON, July 22 (AP) — A poll published here Wednesday indicates 63 percent of Britons think Queen Elizabeth II should abdicate some time in the future to enable her son Prince Charles, who marries Lady Diana Spencer July 29, to come to the British throne.

But the Marplan poll, based on interviews with 774 persons and published in *The Guardian* newspaper, said only 10 percent thought the 55-year-old monarch should abdicate immediately. Another 24 percent wanted her to remain on the throne until she dies and the other three percent expressed no opinion on the matter.

There has been widespread speculation that the queen will abdicate some time in the future to make way for her 32-year-old son and avoid a repeat of the situation of King Edward VII. He was kept waiting in the wings until he was 59, coming to the throne in 1901 on the death of his mother Queen Victoria. He reigned for only nine years before his death in 1910.

Buckingham Palace has dismissed reports that Queen Elizabeth is considering abdication as pure speculation. At her coronation in 1953 the queen pledged lifelong service to the nation. Charles told a questioner who asked about the possibility of abdication: "I believe the monarch is of vital assistance to the whole country, to the government, the older he or she is."

Abdication has had connotations for the royal family. The only recorded abdication in British history was that of King Edward VIII in 1936. He put love before duty to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson. It caused a constitutional crisis and a serious rift in the royal family.

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Qusumaatmadja to see Cheysson

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He will be returning from last week's international conference in New York on Cambodia, while Cheysson will be back from the Ottawa summit of seven Western industrial nations. Observers here noted that France and Indonesia share common views on Cambodia, with withdrawal of the Vietnam Army considered an essential condition before free elections can be held as urged by several United Nations resolutions.

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Agca called psychopath

ROME, July 22 (AFP) — Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turk who has admitted to shooting Pope John Paul II on May 13, is a "psychopath" and "religious fanatic" who acted alone, his court-appointed lawyer said at his trial here Wednesday.

Lawyer Pietro D'Ovidio used this argument to seek leniency for Agca, who was absent from his trial for the second consecutive day. Tuesday, the defendant refused to appear. Monday, when the trial opened, Agca confessed to the assassination attempt in the court, but challenged the court's jurisdiction. He said he should be tried by a Vatican tribunal or international court.

In his argument Wednesday, D'Ovidio said that neither worldwide police investigations nor the case pleaded against Agca by public prosecutor Niccolo Amato had proved the existence of a conspiracy.

"I concentrated on dissecting the reports of investigations carried out by all the police forces of Europe to arrive at the conclusion that Agca indeed acted alone," the lawyer said. "And it was as a lone, solitary man that he arrived at St. Peter's Square on May 13."

D'Ovidio said his client was a "psychopath...I say and I affirm that in Agca there is a psychological (puzzle) to decipher,

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Floods devastate Indian provinces

NEW DELHI, July 22 (AP) — Torrential monsoon rains and flooding rivers inundated new areas and rendered thousands of Indians homeless as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Wednesday made an aerial survey of swamped regions in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh states.

The United News of India (UNI) agency reported that heavy rains pummeled several districts in the northern state of Punjab in the past 24 hours, flooding the towns of Ropar, Ferozepore and Faridkot, damaging standing crops and crippling activity.

In Bihar state, the rivers Kosi and Mahananda overran their banks at Kauthur, Purnea, Darbhanga and Saharsa, displacing more than 9,000 residents, the agency said. Army troops and government workers manning 600 boats in emergency rescue operations in the flood-swept areas, UNI added.

The flooding Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers marooned nearly 27,000 villagers in Uttar Pradesh and Assam states on Tuesday, the report said. Officials said the flood situation in the two states worsened following three days of uninterrupted rain. UNI reported that 15,000 monsoon-caused house collapses had occurred in the past three weeks in Bihar alone.

Mrs. Gandhi flew in an army helicopter over the flooded city of Jaipur, where at least 500 persons were reported missing, and several other monsoon-battered regions. In a message, she said: "We shall do our best to render help."

Thousands of army men were reported engaged in rescue operations in Jaipur, 240 kms southeast of here. Local officials confirmed 25 deaths in the city.

Train and air services to Jaipur remained disrupted for the fifth successive day, but a state government official reported here that government employees have cleared one road leading to Jaipur. However, tele and telephone lines to the city were knocked out by Wednesday's downpour, he said.

In neighboring China, floodwaters from the mighty Yangtze River and its tributaries were sweeping across the central province of Hubei after leaving a trail of death and destruction in the agriculturally-rich province of Sichuan. Last week's floods claimed between 3,000 and 4,000 lives in Sichuan, officials said.

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Greater Manchester chief constable James Anderton ordered the investigation into allegations that police beat people during riots in the Moss side area of the city July 8 and 9. Anderton ordered the investigation after Dr. Donald Bodey, a Manchester physician, told reporters he had treated people who reported being beaten by police during the riots and afterward.

"The injuries I have seen left me so choked that I couldn't have talked about it last week. I am not excusing the riots, but the stories I have been told by these people leave me feeling sick..." Bodey said.

The charges came as Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine continued his tour of riot-scarred areas in the Liverpool area. Heseltine has been assigned to study the

problems of the inner city areas where rioting has erupted. Police battled youths for two nights in Manchester earlier this month in riots that flared in more than 20 British cities.

Bodey said he treated four people who had been badly bruised and cut and may have suffered fractured ribs. "What I saw has left me shattered and feeling very sorry for England," Bodey said.

"I can't prove that the police beat these people, but I can say quite categorically that the injuries were consistent with beatings." The Anglican bishop of Manchester, Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said in a sermon Sunday that he had heard reports of "abusive language and undue force used on occasions by the police against suspects, especially those who are black."

The bishop is reported to have said: "I am bound to say there is a lot of truth in them." Anderton said the bishop, Bodey and others would be interviewed and "invited to make statements as evidence to substantiate their comments."

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